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## Service Corporations Continue to Pay Dividends from Surplus —Rates Too High

AFTER three years of hard fighting, the rates for electric service in the District of Columbia have been ordered reduced. This is good news for the whole country, as every reduction in such costs is.

But why is it that the service corporations, whose chief asset is the good-will of the public, keep on fighting and fending off these reductions? Why is it that they have to be prodded with the sharp stick of the law, and put in the pillory by public opinion. Having seen what has happened to our railroads, from taking the "public-be-damned" attitude, why should they not meet the people—their own customers—at least half way and do the generous thing for once?

It would pay them. You know this and we know it—but you can't make the magnates see it.

The annual reports of the great corporations are always awaited with interest. The American Telephone & Telegraph Co., which boasts of being the world's biggest business enterprise, in its report just made, showed that it had to dig into its "surplus" (or excess earnings of the past) to the extent of over $22,000,000 in order to keep up its dividends of $9 a share, or nine per cent on its stock.

Prior to 1932 this company never paid out all its earnings in dividends, but for many months the telephone business has been on the wane. Last year the Bell System, which includes associated companies, lost 10 per cent of its phones—the number in service being reduced to less than 14,000,000. Local calls fell off five per cent and long-distance business 17 per cent. Instead of lowering its rates and thus extending its field and its revenue, the phone combine still stands pat.

It continues to pay big dividends at a time when the federal government is borrowing money for less than one quarter of one per cent a year. What better argument could the phone combine furnish to the boosters of government ownership than this?

Few people favor government ownership, but if Uncle Sam only has to pay a fraction of one per cent for money, why should the people be required to continue to pay steady tribute to the telephone monopoly, on hard-and-fast terms laid down by the monopoly, and apparently with no supervision or check by the federal or state public service commissions?

The Federal Trade Commission has just issued a report which charges that there is more than a billion dollars of "water" in the capitalization of the power corporations alone. Padding of costs, juggling of stock operations and a system of propaganda which was even operated in the public schools is cited.

Of course this report did not go into the telephone service. However, the new Congress is already being urged to take this matter up. People who wish to protest against phone rates and operation should write direct to their senators and representatives in the new Congress.

*One of Many Posters Summoning French People to "Buy French"*

The Washington Herald makes this thought-provoking comment on the phone stack-up: "When you know that individuals and corporations have canceled from one to 10,000 telephones each recently, you wonder how much the big company must have earned during the boom, when, for instance, one moving picture concern spent $800,000 a year for telephone calls."

The phone company last year paid back over $58,000,000 to its employees who had made payments for stock.

## "Buy American" Drive Reveals Silly Amount of Buying Abroad and Aping Foreign Ways

THE PATHFINDER, in its issue of Dec. 24, 1932, was one of the first publications to launch the "Buy American" drive. The movement has now grown until it is one of the main topics of the day. There was nothing very new about this idea. France for months had been urging her people to patronize home industry, and the "Buy British" campaign in the British empire was started over four years ago.

Americans have been shocked to learn how many things of foreign origin have been unloaded on this country, to the damage of domestic products. They have also been disappointed to see how hard it is to stick to the "Buy American" policy even after you have "adopted" it.

For example R. Stanley Dollar, head of the Dollar Steamship Lines, was quoted in the papers as heartily endorsing the drive—and the very same papers told how a crew of Chinese instead of Americans, were being employed for this line. The case caused such a ruction that the Chinese were turned back by government order. That was a costly backdown. Ouch!

Extensive campaigns urging people to "Buy American" are printed on paper which is made in Sweden, Finland or Canada. Ouch!

But this is no worse than the British, who are stamping their letters with the "Buy British" slogan—and are doing it with a machine made in the U. S. A. Ouch!

It has come out that a surprising number of articles used in the government service and paid for by the people's money have been purchased abroad, either because they were cheaper or because somebody thought our foreign friends should be encouraged. Congress is taking action against this—but a lot of pet bulls are going to be gored before it is over. Ouch!

Furniture from eastern Europe is used in our new Commerce building at Washington. German steel and aluminum are found in our warships, and Japanese cement in our fortifications. Ouch! Table linen, towels, soap, matches etc. used in the House Office Building are from abroad.

When it was discovered that the very chairs were to be upholstered

with German leather, the order was canceled and American leather requisitioned, even if it cost more. It was really too much to expect that our statesmen cold "think American" if they were sitting on leather "made in Germany." Ouch!

Why, the very medals of honor which Congress from time to time bestows on great persons are found to be made in Paris. Ouch!

Flags for the Washington Bicentennial celebration came from Japan. Ouch!

While the claim that an article was "imported" used to be a great selling point, now dealers are shoving such articles aside and pushing the home products more. Unluckily, many businesses are so largely founded on the "foreign" appeal that they are now suffering. Beauty specialists are having to soft-pedal about their wares and methods being French. American cosmetics, perfumes, etc., are being favored.

However, the puzzled reader hardly knows what to do when he is told on one page of a magazine to "see America first" and is urged on another page to go to Mexico, Cuba or Bermuda for the winter or take a tour around the world. Ouch!

Is it any wonder that the common grade of American is confused when one section of a paper gets all het up over the way foreigners and foreign ideas are favored—and in the same issue there are such advertisements as these: Japanese novelties used for boosting the sale of breakfast foods; "Queen" shoes at the Quality Boot Shop" ("boot" being English for shoe); Newman's travel talks on China; diamonds from South Africa; $1 brass electric lamps from Japan; jewelry made of platinum from Russia; "Canton" Chinese silk crepes; "Oxford" English suits; hand-embroidered linens from Ireland; Elizabeth Arden's "Venetian" astringent; Helena Rubinstein's sister with "lovely new cosmetics from London, Paris, Vienna and Berlin"; original German aspirin; "Orienta" coffee; Persian fur coats; Yardley's English lavendar soap; Old Monk French Dressing; Karashan and Baroda rugs; winter cruises to Majorca etc.

C. A. Shewalter, of Flint, Mich., who has already announced himself a candidate for president in 1936 (to run against Hoover), sends Pathfinder an outline of his policy, which is summarized in the slogan: "Buy American, Hire American, Talk American and Act American."

It is not enough just to give the preference to products of American origin. If the foreign influence is to be put down we shall have to set the "stop" signal against a long line of practices which we have permitted somebody to put over on us. It is a much bigger job than most people suppose, to make our big-bugs "talk American"—as they have been used so long to aping English and other foreign ways. We would have to start with our State Department, which uses the English spelling of "check." They spell it "cheque," for no reason in the world except they think this is high-toned.

Many of our radio people have set up English standards as their goal. For instance some of them pronounce the word "secretary" as if it was spelled "SEC-ut-ry"—as the John Bulls call it.

Our newspapers, when catering to the high-hat element, use the term "residing IN Park avenue," when the American form of course is "residing ON." These papers constantly tell their women readers such things as this: "Ankle-length skirts and dunce-caps of knitted wool are decreed by Paris for this season."

The French have made Americans wear their "dunce caps" enough already. But how can we expect anything better when our own papers and magazines devote such a large amount of space to the free boosting for foreign ideas, foreign styles and foreign snobbery generally?

## Depression Hit Schools

The depression appears to have affected education in the United States more than it has the schools of approximately 40 foreign countries, according to reports received in Uncle Sam's big Office of Education. A survey of the public schools of the nation shows that the cost of education per child per day in school has been reduced 14 cents since 1929-30. This means a decrease in per capita cost of 22 per cent in three years.

In 1930 the average cost per child per day in the public elementary and high schools was 62.8 cents spent daily in 1930 on each child, 12.6 cents went into new buildings and equipment and other improvements. The remaining 50.2 cents went for teachers' salaries, books, coal, repairs, etc. Of the 48.7 cents being spent each day this year, it is figured that only four cents will go into buildings and improvements and 44.7 cents for salaries etc.

More than 4,700 of our public schools have already closed, while all through the country school terms have been shortened. In many instances teachers' salaries have been cut. In some cases their salaries have not only been cut but they cannot now be paid because the funds for the schools no longer exist.

Again, in a number of states the schools are being kept open entirely at the expense of the teachers. Some localities have inaugurated the idea of the parents taking turns at boarding the teacher free in order to keep the school open. While the rural schools have been hardest hit because they are generally supported by small property owners and farmers who do not now have the means to pay their taxes, the city schools have not escaped. Chicago today owes her teachers something like $24,000,000 in unpaid salaries. If your youngsters attend a one-room public school house they have lots of company. Sixty per cent of the public schools in this country are of that type. There are nearly 150,000 one-room schools in use today.

## Propose Sweeping Reorganization Powers for Roosevelt

Government reorganization for the sake of economy is again to the fore. The Senate has passed a resolution giving President-elect Roosevelt sweeping powers to reorganize the entire federal government. When this resolution got to the House of Representatives the Democratic leaders were not satisfied with it and they proceeded to propose giving Mr. Roosevelt carte blanche authority not only to slash pay and jobs of federal workers, but to cut down veterans' pensions, abolish bureaus, agencies and commissions with the exception of the 10 executive departments, reduce subsidies to ocean and air mail, curtail public construction and impound all moneys saved, etc. Strong opposition to this proposal developed on the ground that it was unconstitutional—giving the president wide legislative powers.

*Senator James F. Byrnes*

According to a chart of the various government activities prepared by W. I. Swanton, of the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of Interior, there are at present 180 bureaus, divisions and services, many of them overlapping, in the 10 executive departments, among which they are divided as follows: State, 15; War, 25; Post Office, 21; Interior, 18; Commerce, 11; Treasury, 24; Justice, 15, Navy, 24; Agriculture, 18 and Labor, 9. He lists, in addition to these, 75 independent establishments with 10 subdivisions. As good examples of some of the overlapping of the work of the various bureaus, divisions and agencies, the War Department is said to have 15 separate offices devoted to "military affairs," while the State Department lists six divisions based on geographical areas.

The need for regrouping government activities for economy was first felt in 1910. While a commission was appointed to make recommendations nothing was actually done about it then. In 1918 the World war came along and of course greatly expanded all government activities. They have continued to branch out and grow ever since. Several plans for reorganization and consolidation were introduced in Congress after the war. But they never got anywhere.

Last fall it began to look as if something was really going to be done about it. The Economy Act of 1932 gave President Hoover authority to effect reorganization in the interest of economy and with a view to aid in balancing the budget. After much consideration and study the President transmitted to Congress a series of 11

executive orders, transferring, regrouping, merging and consolidating 58 executive agencies (see Dec. 24, 1932 Pathfinder). His orders were to go into effect within 60 days, but the authority granted him had a string tied to it. A proviso said that during that 60 days either house of Congress might nullify his orders by vote. After considerable debate the House voted against the orders.

Mr. Roosevelt will have much greater powers of reorganization than were offered to President Hoover. Under the Senate plan, he would have practically a free hand. The Senate plan introduced by Senator James F. Byrnes, Democrat, of South Carolina, provides that reorganization orders by the new president would take effect 60 days after being transmitted to Congress. But neither house would be able to vote them down and thus nullify them. By terms of the plan Congress would be able to upset the program only by joint action of the House and Senate by a two-thirds majority. This joint resolution would require the signature of the president and he could veto or refuse to sign it. Then Congress would have to repass it over his veto, providing there was time enough left in the 60 day period.

The Democratic leaders of the House want to broaden the powers granted by the Senate. There was opposition from Democrats as well as the minority party despite the fact that President Hoover was said to be delighted with the Byrnes plan. Rep. Bertrand H. Snell, of New York, House minority leader, said the "provisions would make an absolute dictator of Mr. Roosevelt. It would give him more power than any executive in the world except Mussolini. We are not ready for a Mussolini at the present time. If we are we better abolish Congress and go home."

*Rep. Bertrand H. Snell*

But Speaker John N. Garner whose name was linked with the sweeping House proposal, said: "The power has got to be given the executive. Congress hasn't either the ingenuity or disposition to do it. And I say here that I have positive knowledge that the incoming president will use these powers to balance the budget."

After the House Democrats balked at the Garner proposal Rep. George Huddleston, of Alabama, introduced a resolution giving the president modified authority, and within constitutional limits.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Roosevelt, pleased by the action of the Senate and confident that he will be given the necessary authority, is planning to mail home this important plank in the Democratic platform. He has appointed Swagar Sherley, former representative and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, to make a preliminary study, in co-operation with Senator Byrnes and Rep. Lewis W. Douglas, Democrat, of Arizona, and draft a detailed program of reorganization figured to save the taxpayers $200,000,000 or more annually, which he is expected to lay before the Congress at the opening of the special session scheduled for some time in April.

## Seek Cause and Cure for Old Man Depression

Several years ago several million persons tried to explain the depression. Since then several million others have given as many million different causes for the calamity and offered just as many plans or ways to get us out of it. But none of these plans seem to have worked; perhaps they never were tried, because we still have Old Man Depression hanging around.

The new administration coming in on March 4 has got to do something about this business drone. He's been hanging around too long now, and besides the Democrats promised to do something about it. Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, who will be chairman of the Senate Finance Committee after his party organizes that body, wants to know what the country's best minds think caused the depression and what they believe can be done to throw it off. Senator Reed Smoot, Republican of Utah, is the present chairman of that important committee, so the Senator from Mississippi got up a resolution under which the Senator from Utah asked more than 250 prominent persons from the various businesses, professions, etc., to come before the committee and give their views, opinions and whatnots on the cause and cure of the depression. More than 50 of these prominent Americans have already accepted the invitation and it is likely that many others will seize the opportunity.

These hearings, which may last until well past March 4th, will be used by the incoming administration as a basis for legislation. Among the problems to be discussed are the budget, tariff, prohibition, war debts, farm relief, and withdrawing the government from competition with business.

*Senator Pat Harrison*

Some of those included in the invitations are Alfred E. Smith, Bernard Baruch, L. F. Loree, John Dewey (Columbia University), A. A. Berle, Thomas W. Lamont, Daniel Willard, Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale, Will Durant, and Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit Catholic priest. Several including Owen D. Young, John W. Davis, and Alfred P. Sloane, declined the invitations to express their views.

Many have indicated willingness to speak privately, and this preference will be respected by the Senate committee. While the right to have their opinions treated as confidential is admitted, it is regretted that all of the views cannot be made public. It is certain that there will be many divergent opinions, and while many will no doubt be without any real value, all would be enlightening.

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# FOREIGN

### JAPAN

While the League of Nations gives Japan a week to either withdraw her troops within the railway zones held by treaty rights or be placed in defiance of the League and subject to economic and military action, Japan issues an ultimatum to China, ordering her troops out of Jehol.

Emperor Hirohito sanctioned withdrawal from the League unless the other nations choose to back down, and says Japan will not withdraw her demand for recognition of Manchukuo (Manchuria).

### GERMANY

The explosion of a gas storage tank at Neunkirchen kills 200 and injures 1,500. The blast broke windows 10 miles away, lifted people from their feet a mile from the explosion, and hurled the heavy steel roof of the tank half a mile. The following day two gas generators demolished an iron works at Richenhall, but nobody was injured.

Nature added to the general shake-up by staging an alarming series of sharp earthquake shocks in southern Germany. There were no casualties, but chimneys, stone walls, and even a few buildings were shaken down.

Herr Koering, of Hitler's new cabinet, shocks Scandinavia and makes himself ridiculous to the rest of the world by personally remonstrating with the editor of a Swedish paper for its criticism of Hitler. Such matters are usually handled through diplomatic channels or, still more usually, ignored entirely.

### ENGLAND

The British government does an about-face on the debt question. Neville Chamberlain's untactful statement that England will not grant concessions in return for demanded debt reduction is somewhat counteracted by Premier MacDonald's announcement that the discussions will be for the purpose of seeking harmony with the United States.

The latest British plan is to sell bonds in the U. S., and with the money so obtained make a lump sum payment of the war debts—a neat way of making America transfer money from one pocket to another.

The London society girls have a new and exciting game. They pull up alongside a policeman, kiss him, and drive on. The girls bet with each other as to who can kiss the most cops in a given time.

Sir William Robertson, last of the three war-time British field marshals, dies of heart failure at London.

### CHINA

With 250,000 troops, including the 19th Route Army of Shanghai fame, in northern China, the Nanking government starts a drive to oust Japan from her foothold in Jehol. The Chinese captured two villages in the Mukden province of Manchuria the first day of the push, and three days later drove the Japanese from Kailu. The 19th Route Army is reported marching on the Great Wall with object of retaking Chiumen Pass. China threatens to withdraw her minister at Tokyo and sever all diplomatic relations.

An earthquake in the bleak mountain province of Kansu is reported by travelers to have killed 70,000. The entire village of Kaotai is said to have been buried with all its inhabitants. Thousands of coolies battle the flood waters of the Yellow river, while other thousands flee the flood-threatened Shantung province.

### CANADA

Recent heavy storms on the Atlantic have threatened the destruction of Sandy Point Island, off the coast of Newfoundland. The island was three miles long, a mile wide, and had 450 inhabitants. Since the breaking of the sea wall, most of the land has been flooded or eaten away, and the inhabitants are fleeing to the mainland by boats.

The Doukhobors, a religious colony in western Canada, who refuse to pay taxes, send their children to school, or recognize the authority of the government in any way, are incensed at the deportation of their leader, Peter Verigin. The Doukhobors have an annoying habit of undressing when offended and staging nude parades, and they are easily offended.

### ITALY

Italy refuses to join the rest of Europe in a united front against America in the matter of war debts. Mussolini accepts Roosevelt's offer for debt discussion without strings and says he believes that debtors should be willing to make concessions if they ask for them. Alone of the debtors, Italy has paid up without protest or threat to default.

### FRANCE

France is feeling the results of her war-debt default. Americans are canceling passage in French liners, smart New York stores, which formerly bought millions worth of women's clothes in Paris are not sending over buyers, and Americans are refusing to pay private bills owed to Frenchmen. Pending Franco-American lawsuits in New York have jumped from 30 to 700 since the default. And it will be worse when the tourist season starts!

—Philadelphia Inquirer

*Now, All Together!*

France is offering Syria her freedom for $480,000,000, as indemnity for military occupation.

### BRAZIL

The British "Lone Eagle," Capt. James A. Mollison, completed a solo flight from England to Rio de Janeiro, crossing the South Atlantic from Senegal, Africa, to Natal, Brazil, in 17 hours. The entire trip took four and one-half days. Mollison is the same man who flew from England to Canada last year, and is the husband of Amy Johnson, Britain's greatest woman aviator. He flies a tiny monoplane and always goes by himself.

### JAVA

The mutinous crew of the Dutch battleship De Zevan Provincien surrendered after the dropping of one aerial bomb, which killed 22 of the rebels. The remainder of the crew were arrested, while the Dutch captain, who was relieved of his command, is reported dead. That the 22 killed were buried in traitor's graves looks dark for the survivors, for if convicted of treason they will no doubt be executed. Three Dutch marines are accused of being the ringleaders of the mutiny.

### IRELAND

A train wreck in which two were killed, and the blowing up of a bridge which cut off all rail communications with Belfast, have been charged to railway strikers who are holding out against a wage cut.

### PARAGUAY

Where the League of Nations and the arbitration offers of the U. S. and South American countries have had little effect, Paraguay's war with Bolivia over the Chaco may be solved by the Mennonites. These recent settlers from Canada, now numbering 5,000, have threatened to move to Brazil or Uruguay unless peace is made.

### CUBA

Cuba's present government is sitting on a powder keg of its own manufacture. A revolution has been brewing against Machado for years, but the president has had the support of the army and therefore has been able to keep himself in power. Gen. Mario Menocal, former president of Cuba, heads the opposition and predicts the early downfall of Machado. Severe press censorship is in force.

### SYRIA

The yo-yo and a drought appearing in Syria about the same time, the yo-yo has been blamed for the lack of rain and has been banned by the government as displeasing to Allah.

### INDIA

Mrs. Ghandi, wife of the Mahatma, has been sentenced to six months in jail and fined 500 rupees ($115), for agitation among the farmers. Mahatma has been in jail for a year.

# BROADCASTING

If you are fortunate enough to have a radio and want to know what the law is, tune in on the Sunday evening American Bar Association program entitled "The Lawyer and the Public." These programs have been designed to acquaint the public with the mysteries of the law, the lawyer's part in legal reform and legislation and his relation to the courts and the people.

Notwithstanding the Japanese invasion, her many civil wars, and other vicissitudes China now has 72 broadcasting stations.

Colonel Stoopnagle and Budd (F. Chase Taylor and Wilbur Hulick) had to take a two-month vacation from the stage in order to prepare for their

*Col. Stoopnagle and Budd*

new radio program and to re-stage their vaudeville act for their return to the boards. During 1932 the Colonel and Budd played more than 30 weeks in the leading vaudeville and motion picture houses throughout the country, besides their regular radio feature.

M. H. Aylesworth, of the National Broadcasting Co., says the radio is influencing our social life. He credits the radio with helping in the economic crisis to preserve the social order and to conserve the mental balance of individuals.

A powerful radio station nearing completion in the Duchy of Luxemburg will be devoted to international commercial advertising in different languages.

Even broadcasting companies felt the pinch in 1932. In spite of all the money the political parties spent in waging their great campaign of the air, the National Broadcasting Co. has announced that its total income last year was $500,000 under that for 1931. President M. H. Aylesworth's annual report placed the company's 1932 income at $29,000,000.

In Australia they have a traveling broadcasting station that sells advertising time as it goes from town to town. The generating and broadcasting equipment of this unique station, says a Commerce Department report, is installed in a railway car.

L. L. Smith, 43-year-old electrician and inventor, of Monticello, Ky., who is an amateur radio operator and likes to tinker with the insides of receiving sets, has invented and patented a radio set that experts say makes two-way radio telephone communication possible over a single unit. The present radio telephone used by the Army Signal Corps calls for two sets, one for sending messages and one for receiving them. Smith's set eliminates the necessity of having to switch from sending to receiving apparatus all during the conversation. Army experts at Ft. Knox, Ky., have tested it and recommended its adoption by the War Department.

From 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. and from 10 to 11 p. m. on Saturday March 4, practically all day, you will be able to hear over the radio just about all that is going on in Washington. Microphones will dot the streets of the nation's capital from Union Station to the White House and up Pennsylvania avenue to the Capitol. A mobile transmitter in a truck will cruise about the city to tell about the interesting events, while another mobile transmitter in an army blimp will give a bird's-eye view description of the ceremonies.

The CBS time schedule (Eastern Standard Time) for the day is as follows:

Nine to 10 a. m., a preview of the day's proceedings; 10 to 11 a. m., the trip to the Capitol; 11 a. m. to 12 noon, the Vice-Presidential Inauguration; 12 noon to 1 p. m., the Presidential Inauguration; 1 to 2 p. m., a program of music by the service bands; 2 to 4 p. m., the Inaugural Parade, described at various points along the line of march; 10 to 11 p. m., description of the Inaugural Ball.

## BACK TO THE MULE

The statisticians are noticing that more saddles, harness, horse collars etc. are being sold than for many years before. There is even an increased demand for mules (but we hope this will not include Congress.)

The mule is a most valuable animal, though he has not been appreciated in recent years as he should be. He is much tougher than a horse and will almost live on what a horse refuses to eat. Many people imagine that the mule can only be governed by harsh words. This is a mistake. Many individual mules have a very kind and long-suffering nature.

*This schoolma'am in "Alabam" isn't even thinking of buying a new auto.*

If this were not the case the present writer would no doubt right now be among the "late lamented." He used to drive a mule, in the West—known as "Jinny." Jinny stuck a foot into a gopher hole one day, while we were hustling across the prairie for water for the threshing crew, and she fell down. The driver was thrown directly onto her rear elevation—and yet that mule never kicked.

Some mules will kick a barn down if you just tickle them with a feather—and the writer has also seen this proved. At various times in American history "40 acres and a mule" has been the ideal arrangement. It almost seems as if we are now returning to that basis.

An Alabama school teacher who can't afford to pay for gas is now leaving her auto at home and she rides a mule to school instead. The gas tax means nothing in her young life. This teacher is Miss Helen Myers, of Millport, Ala. The sketch, which was made by one of the schoolboys, doesn't do justice to the mule—much less to Miss Myers—but it gives the idea.

## THE FIRST KISS

Cato believed, according to Pliny, that husbands started kissing in order to determine whether their wives and daughters had been drinking wine. Richard Steele, the British essayist, speaking of the kiss, said that "nature was its author and it began with the first courtship."

While many scientists believe that kissing is the natural expression of physical love and kindred emotions, the fact remains that the kiss is unknown among millions of the inhabitants of the earth. The Eskimos, the natives of Madagascar, many negro tribes in Africa, the natives of Tierra del Fuego, as well as other races, do not kiss.

Many of these people express similar emotions and salutations by what is popularly described as "rubbing noses." The custom of kissing on the lips apparently began among certain races in the early stages of civilization and developed very slowly.

William H. Beirer is the envy of Chicago children. He is the official taster for a national candy concern.

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# CURRENT EVENTS

### WASHINGTON

President Hoover approves donation of 350,000 more bales of Farm Board cotton to unemployed.

Tickets for guests of members of Congress admitting them to the Capitol inaugural ceremonies are ordered reprinted because those already printed bore the name of David S. Barry, discharged sergeant at arms of the Senate.

President and Mrs. Hoover observe their 34th wedding anniversary with small company of close friends.

Tickets to the inaugural ball on March 4 will be $5 for general admission and $15 for box seats.

President Hoover asks Congress for an emergency appropriation of $80,000 for Senandoah National Park in Virginia and $1,437,000 for activities of various federal agencies.

Due to space limitations only 14 of Washington's 40 high school cadet companies are to march in the inaugural parade.

Employees of virtually all government establishments now getting sick leave will continue to get their 30 days annually, but slight illness or indisposition, or absence for medical examination will no longer count. Under provisions of the Economy Act President Hoover issues order to standardize this privilege of federal employees as far as possible under existing laws.

President Hoover calls special session of Senate to meet at noon on March 4 to inaugurate vice president and confirm new cabinet.

Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, chairman of the Roosevelt inaugural committee, announces that the official inaugural celebration will last five days—from March 2 to March 6.

A part of California's Death Valley made famous by Walter (Death Valley Scotty) Scott, is set aside by President Hoover as a national monument.

The famous Hoover "Medicine Ball Cabinet" holds farewell party for the Chief Executive and Mrs. Hoover.

Treasury Department issues ruling that $11 is the prevailing wage scale in the District of Columbia for carpenters and 350 men return to work on government buildings as contractors remove notices saying $8 is the prevailing scale.

### PEOPLE

Henry I. Harriman, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States (non-government organization) advocates a reduction of $450,000,000 in veterans' benefits and a total cut of $800,000,000 in all government expenditures to balance the budget.

Mrs. William E. Borah, wife of the Senator from Idaho, visits the Public Health Service laboratory, to thank Dr. Charles Armstrong, psittacosis researcher, for saving her life when she had parrot fever last summer. Dr. Armstrong, who had recovered from the disease, made serum from his own blood and sent it by fast plane to the stricken lady.

Michigan is all stirred up over the garnishment of the salary of her governor, William A. Comstock, by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. to satisfy a $7,000 judgment. Gov. Comstock is the state's first Democratic executive since 1850.

President-elect Roosevelt ends his yachting and fishing trip in Southern waters to return to New York to give Masonic third degree to his second son, Elliott, and devote himself to the final selection of his cabinet.

Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, noted historian and professor emeritus of Harvard university, says the prophecies of a revolution in America are the misinterpretations of "depression-struck radicals."

Bernard M. Baruch, former chairman of the War Industries Board, and close adviser of President-elect Roosevelt, gives Senate Finance Committee his prescription for world economic recovery: "Balance budgets. Stop spending money we haven't got. Sacrifice for frugality and revenue. Cut governmental spending. Tax everybody for everything." Sound money and a balanced budget are the essential elements to recovery, he says.

*Bernard M. Baruch*

Dr. Joseph A. O'Hara, president of the Louisiana State Board of Health, tells Senate election investigators sifting charges of fraud in the last senatorial election that insanity has increased 50 per cent in his state since Huey P. Long came into power.

James A. Farley calls on Democrats to wipe out $750,000 party deficit before March 4.

Dean Virginia C. Gildersleeve, of Barnard college, says the student's outlook on life has undergone a great change in the last year and that college girls no longer have the blase or indifferent attitude of life they had a few years ago.

### RADIO

H. L. Pettey, chairman of the radio committee of the Roosevelt inaugural committee, says the two national broadcasting chains will present the largest hook-up on March 4 ever given to any event.

The Senate passes the House radio-lottery ban bill making it unlawful for broadcasters to advertise lotteries.

### PROHIBITION

Mrs. Charles H. Sabin, wet leader, in a radio address, calls on the wets to "convince that august body (Congress) that nothing short of repeal will be acceptable to the American people."

Twenty-five Washington prohibition organizations unite forces in an effort to give the national capital a "dry" inauguration. Known as the New Vigilantes of America they are headed by Capt. Edward P. Gaston.

Rep. Malcolm C. Tarver, Democrat of Georgia, tells Lincoln day mass meeting of National Sentinels, a dry organization, the 18th amendment will never be repealed.

Jouett Shouse, president of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, warns the members of his association that "the fight is far from won" and urges greater efforts to bring about repeal.

Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, appeals to Senate to sidetrack Blaine prohibition resolution for consideration of emergency relief legislation.

Claiming that the prohibition law will be repealed in two years, Federal Judge James A. Lowell, of Boston, refuses to jail bootleggers and rum violators tried in his court.

### SPORTS

National Aeronautic Association announces creation of a National Gliding Committee, thus putting gliding to the fore as a recognized national sport.

National Football Rules Committee meets at Philadelphia and decides to make only two changes for the 1933 game; namely, tightening the restrictions against "clipping" and establishing 10-yard side zones which brings ball in 10 yards and eliminates sideline plays.

### AVIATION

Persia also likes American planes. Capt. Sadegh Chaybanyi, agent of the Persian government, is now in this country ordering airplanes, military arms and engines for his government expected to total more than $5,000,000.

National Aeronautic Association meets at Washington to review aviation's progress and to decide who shall receive the 1932 Collier Trophy.

The U. S. Naval Observatory at Washington issues an Air Almanac as a companion publication to the Nautical Almanac, which is said to simplify navigation for flyers.

Eddie Bellande, pilot, and Lynn Berkenkamp, co-pilot, of a Transcontinental and Western Air Express plane, save the lives of seven passengers and their own by coolly fighting fire and bringing blazing ship safely down at Bakersfield, Cal.

### FARMING

Farmers in the Rio Grande valley strike for higher prices for their vegetable crops.

In the past there has been all kinds of criticism of county farm and home agents, but the people of Barbour county, West Virginia, demonstrate that they really want a farm agent and a home demonstration agent by taking their fight for them to the state supreme court.

Gov. Charles W. Bryan, of Nebraska, proclaims temporary suspension of foreclosures on farms and homes.

Gratiot county, Michigan, farmers take command of foreclosure sale and purchase the livestock and equipment on the farm of Ray Marzolf for $3.80, then march to the Ithaca National Bank and force the cashier to destroy

the $1,000 mortgage held against Marzolf. Peter A. Holman, U. S. Treasury official, was held prisoner while they did the bidding.

Farmers in Wisconsin, directed by Wisconsin Co-operative Milk Pool Association, plan to withhold milk from the market until they get $1.40 per hundred pounds "f. o. b. farm."

Indiana farmers, under the leadership of the Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., are considering a farm strike against property taxes.

### LABOR

According to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, unemployment is now at an all-time peak. He estimates that during January more than 12,000,000 American workers were out of work.

### GENERAL

The Common Brick Manufacturers' Association of America, in annual convention at Washington, vote to change their organization's name by striking out the word "Common."

Negroes in all parts of the country celebrate eighth annual observance of "Negro History Week."

Chicago suffers another fire—a million-dollar grain fire in which it is estimated that 2,000,000 bushels of wheat and corn are lost.

Navy Department announces that the American fleet in the Pacific is to be reinforced by the entire scouting fleet for the rest of this year and part of 1934.

Now it's the "B. A. F."—a woman's organization pledged to buy American products only. "B. A. F." stands for "Buy American Forces."

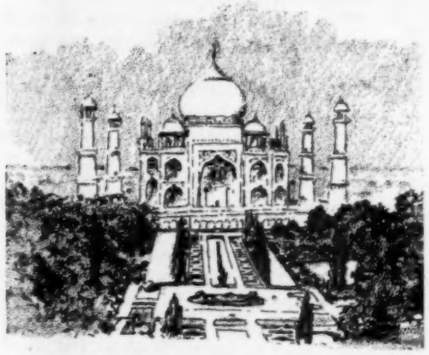
During the first six months of its existence the Federal Home Loan Bank Board makes $75,000,000 in home loans.

By issuing $350,000 in scrip to pay back salaries of municipal workers Atlantic City joins the "paper money class."

According to an announcement of its passenger manager the Pennsylvania Railroad will operate all through trains between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington by electric power.

Philadelphia is to have a new bird sanctuary on which a reproduction of the famous Taj-Mahal will be erected.

When the Norwood (Mass.) Recreation Committee offers to give free instruction to the town's 300 jobless in gardening, sewing, cooking, dancing, etc., 134 of the men and women ask to be taught the latest modern steps, while 91 want to find out how to regain their youthful figures and 42 ask for instruction in contract bridge, leaving only a few to take up cooking, sewing and the like.



*The Taj-Mahal in India, man's most exquisite memorial to the love of a woman.*

### COURTS

Oklahoma supreme court holds that military occupation of Oklahoma City's oil fields is illegal.

Judge E. E. Everett, of the Allen County (Ohio) Pleas Court, grants citizenship to Prof. John P. Klassen, of Bluffton College, despite the professor's refusal to swear to bear arms in defense of the country, which is in opposition to the U. S. Supreme Court's famous McIntosh and Bland rulings.

Supreme Court sets March 13 to hear arguments in the government's case against Bishop James Cannon, jr., and his secretary, involving their political activities in the 1928 presidential campaign.

*Bishop Cannon*

Supreme Court upholds right of federal courts to prevent New York state from collecting taxes from a bankrupt firm on a claim filed too late. At the same time the high court refused to reconsider its recent decision not to review the petition of the executors of the estate of John T. Dorrance, challenging a transfer of tax imposed by Pennsylvania.

### CRIME

Charles Boettcher, young millionaire Denver business man and social leader, is kidnaped by two men who demand $60,000 ransom from his wife and his father, Claude Boettcher.

Two young farmers near Roanoke, Va., Joe Bryant and Norman Harvey, and Harvey's wife are arrested and held under heavy bond on charges of threatening to kidnap Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's second son, little John Morrow Lindbergh, if Lindy didn't pay them $17,000. Government agents are investigating.

The 300,000 members of the patriotic order, Sons of Italy, in the United States and Canada, have pledged themselves to "rid America of the plague of bomb terrorists."

Mrs. Lucinda Mills, 72, mountaineer mother and grandmother, is "sacrificed" by members of her family, all members of a strange religious cult, in weird ceremonies in her mountain cabin in the hills near Inez, Ky.

Joseph I. Reece, 49, former commissioner of insurance and banking of Tennessee and brother of Representative-elect B. Carroll Reece, Republican of that state, is arrested in his Washington hotel at the request of the Tennessee attorney general and charged with the larceny of $100,000 in bonds (negotiable securities) from the State Insurance Department several months ago. Another brother, Lem Reece, is being sought on charges of receiving stolen property and conspiracy in connection with the case.

### BANKING

Deposits in practically all District of Columbia banks are reported to be increasing steadily. Two suspended Washington banks, closed in July, make the first payments to depositors.

Speaker John N. Garner advocates passage of bank legislation guaranteeing bank deposits.

A story recently carried by the Associated Press says a deposit of $100 made in a Boston bank prior to 1843 has now grown to $6,691.32 and has 19 claimants seeking a share of it.

A survey of the nation's banking structure, written by John Y. Beaty and published in the Rand-McNally Bankers' Monthly, says "we are getting closer to normal in bank closings" and forecasts a "better situation" for 1933.

Gov. William A. Comstock declares 10-day moratorium for all banks and trust companies in Michigan.

### DEATHS

Maj. Gen. Edgar T. Collins, 60, assistant chief of staff of the Army in charge of operations and training, at Walter Reed hospital in Washington.

James F. Pershing, 71, younger brother of Gen. John J. Pershing, at New York.

W. W. Gentry, 76, one of the founders of the Gentry Dog and Pony Show, at Hot Springs, Ark.

Thomas McNally, 82, "Drummer Boy McNally," the 12-year-old lad who was credited with saving Grant's army at Wilderness in the Civil war, in a dingy Chicago rooming house. You never heard much about "America's boy hero of 1863" because he served a long prison term at Joliet for murder.

Ernie Schaaf, 24, blond Boston protege of Champion Jack Sharkey, in New York hospital, as result of injuries suffered in boxing bout with Primo Carnera, Italian Alp. Carnera knocked Schaaf out in 13th round of their 15 round match at Madison Square Garden. Schaaf suffered severe brain concussion from the kayo wallop and died after undergoing an operation to remove a blood clot on the brain. As a result New York boxing powers bar Carnera except in matches with fighters in the "dreadnaught" class.

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# Some Hair Fallacies Explained—Shaving Doesn't Affect Beard

Among the many interesting and new facts science has only recently found out about hair is that men's whiskers and lovely feminine tresses, as well as cats' claws, bird beaks, stag antlers and even fingernails and teeth all come from the scales of our fish ancestors. In this connection it has been found that our hair is closely related to our teeth. In fact, they are claimed to be only slightly different developments of the same stuff—nature's made-over fish scales.

Through its discoveries science has cleared up much of the mystery about our hair. Common opinion has always been that the effect of a razor on hair is like that of a lawn mower on grass—to make it come out thicker and heavier. But this is not so and it is quite safe to remove offending hair with a razor whenever one desires. Experiments have shown that there is no noticeable difference in quality or quantity after shaving. The only difference is that short hair seems to be stiffer and heavier than long hair. But when the short hair has reached its normal length again there is no apparent difference.

In the early days of our country it was commonly believed that a heavy suit of hair on a masculine face was a sure sign of great manly vigor. Consequently all those who could really sport a crop of whiskers, mustache, etc., wore them. Now science tells us that these advertisements of rip-roaring he-men were nothing but frauds, and points out that the older and feebler a man gets usually the more luxuriant his beard becomes. It is also pointed out that if these hirsute adornments mean anything at all, it is evidence that the man is more closely related to the orang-utan than the gorilla.

That a hair is a long hollow tube is a common belief in many quarters. If you look at one under a magnifying glass you will be of the same opinion. This is why men for generations have had the ends of their hair singed after a haircut to prevent "bleeding." And since women have been patronizing barber shops they too have come to believe that they ought to have a singe after each bob. But the truth is that a hair is perfectly solid and cannot bleed. Thus singeing is neither beneficial nor harmful.

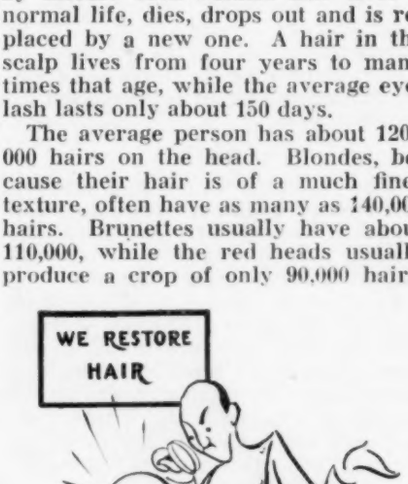
"My goodness! My hair is falling out so fast! If it keeps up I won't have a strand in another year!" This is one of the most common complaints of those who notice from time to time that they shed a few hairs. They look at the fallen hairs and observe that they have "come out by the roots," and "will never be replaced."

But hairs do not come out by the roots. What looks like the roots are bowls which fit over the real roots. Unless the real roots are injured by disease, chemical or wound a new hair takes its place within from 40 to 70 days after the old one has been shed or pulled out. And the average person continues to produce new hairs until 60 or 65 years old. Until that age is reached it is perfectly healthy and natural for both sexes to shed a certain amount of hair all the time.

Many authorities believe that hair turns gray because the hair follicles where it is born no longer furnish the oxydizing agent that oxydizes the pigment. Others think that the color is still there but is hidden by air bubbles which form to take place of the shrinking hair cells. These give the hair its gray appearance, and when enough of them have formed they make it white. Although opinion on what turns hair gray is divided and nobody has been able to satisfactorily explain how hair can suddenly turn white over night from terror or grief we know that the first gray hairs to appear in a scalp are bigger and stronger than the rest. We also know that in extreme old age the hair grows thinner and finally becomes fine and short like those on the scalp of a baby.

The average hair on the scalp is said to grow two inches a month. This growth is comparatively steady, while hairs on other parts of the body do their growing by spurts and jumps. Our hair grows faster by day than by night, and sun and warmth encourage this growth while prolonged cold retards it. If not pulled out or blighted by disease each normal hair lives a normal life, dies, drops out and is replaced by a new one. A hair in the scalp lives from four years to many times that age, while the average eyelash lasts only about 150 days.

The average person has about 120,000 hairs on the head. Blondes, because their hair is of a much finer texture, often have as many as 140,000 hairs. Brunettes usually have about 110,000, while the red heads usually produce a crop of only 90,000 hairs. In reality, however, red hair is a variety of blondness.




*Customer—You guaranteed your hair tonic to stop my hair from falling out. Well, I used it, and now I haven't a single hair left.*

*Beautician—So I see. But it's stopped falling out, hasn't it?*

Dr. Charles Campbell, dermatologist of Washington, D. C., once explained why more men than women lost their hair. He stated that every woman has a certain amount of subcutaneous fat which imparts to her form its roundness. But no matter how fat man may be he has many bony prominences. The subcutaneous fat disappears sooner from man, and with the absorption of the layer of fat over the skull the nourishment there is lost to the roots and the hair falls out. Woman, he says, never really loses all this layer of fat under the scalp and therefore her hair does not fall out.

It is quite generally believed that hair continues to grow after death, and many strange stories have been told along this line. This, however, is denied by scientific authorities. What really happens is that changes take place in the skin which cause the hairs to protrude, making it appear that they have grown. A hard blow dealt women is that there never was and never will be a "permanent wave." And those negroes who would have straight hair must be disappointed to learn that there never will be a method for taking the kinks out.

The reason there can be no permanent wave is because the hairs are born in little sheaths or follicles deep down in the scalp and take their shape, size and direction from the follicles. A "permanent" can be accomplished on the hair outside the scalp, but when the hair grows out the "permanent" grows out.

In the case of the negro the curved follicles in the scalp give him his kinks. He, too, can straighten out the growth above the scalp but when the new growth comes out it will be just as kinky as ever. The hair of a true negro is flat while that of a white person is usually round. The former's hair is kinky and woolly, and issues from the skin at a right angle. It will "felt," like wool, whereas that of a white person cannot be felted.

If you want to keep your hair take care of it. Cleanliness is one of the most important things to remember. The hair and underlying scalp should be kept clean. Persons living in the city should wash their hair about once every two weeks. A good untinted, undyed soap should be used. A complete drying is essential, and rubbing with the ends of the fingers is beneficial.

Bristles of hairbrushes should only be moderately stiff and should be kept clean. Tight hats and long hours of wearing them are thought to make the hair fall out. Like singeing, cutting the hair is neither harmful nor beneficial. However, it is injurious to soak the hair several times a day in order to comb it. Merely dampening it is sufficient.

### NATURE VS. THE FINE ARTS

"How lovely nature is!" said she.
While looking at the view.
"It is," said he as he gazed at her:
"And art is lovely too."

# How to Get the Orders

If the canvassers, salesmen and business men of today had anything to instruct them the way "Redpath's Ready Reckoner and Business Guide" instructed their granddaddies, they would not be complaining as they now are that they can find nothing to do.

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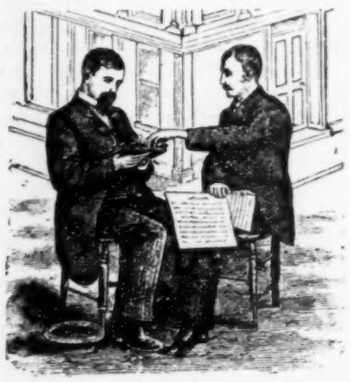
The young man on the right seems to be selling something to the gentleman on the left—and getting away with it. It appears to be a book—



*Putting Something Over on Him*

probably something like "Phineas Funk's Funnybone Ticklers," "Harper's Compendium of Poems," or "Women's Wrongs and How to Right Them."

The prospective customer or victim is so interested in the book that he has hung his hat right on the floor. The canvasser has a couple sheets of paper in his right hand. Probably they represent a contract in duplicate—one copy for the buyer and one for the seller.

The man with the whiskers looks old enough to know better—but he is probably going to make the mistake of signing those contracts on the dotted line, without stopping to read all the fine print. Several weeks later he may find that what appears to have been an order for the innocent purchase of a book will turn up at the First National Bank as a promissory note for $1,000, with interest at six per cent until paid.

### JAPAN'S WAR HYSTERIA

Twice within a week Japan caused international complications and made herself appear extremely silly in the eyes of the rest of the world. Her latest outbreak of war hysteria was the detention of the passengers and crew of an American ship which had run aground in Tokyo Bay. Destroyers stood by the ship, not to take off persons in danger, but to prevent sketching and photographing of the fortified area, while Japanese guards boarded the ship for the same purpose.

Only a day or two before, the Japanese arrested the crews of four Russian whaling ships that had put into a fortified port for water. In 1931 two American flyers, Herndon and Pangborn, were detained several weeks and put through an absurd grilling because they had unwittingly flown over fortified areas. The idiotic examiners even tried to make an issue of the fact that one of the flyers had a young brother attending a military school. The Pathfinder travel editor was once arrested in the interior of Japan and forced to leave.

All countries take precautions against espionage, but all substantial facts regarding a rival's fortifications and plans are known to any other nation which feels it worth while to do a bit of spying. Information is not gained, however, by sending flyers around the world, even crossing two oceans, so that a photograph may be taken. It would be much easier to buy a secret Japanese photo or map from a clerk whose wife needs a new obi.

Again, our intelligence department is not so hard up for information regarding the fortifications around Tokyo that it must run aground an expensive ship so that photos may be taken and drawings made. Are the forts so obvious that they may be sketched from the harbor?

Those who were old enough in 1917-18 will recognize the symptoms. These idiotic espionage charges are just part of a war hysteria, and are enlightening in that they show that the Japanese people are in the frame of mind which would permit their leaders to make war, not only on China, but on Russia, America or any other nation.

America passed through the same period of hysterical assininity while we were at war. If a man named Schmidt should board a train at Baltimore to attend the races at Laurel, he was dragged from the train because he was carrying field glasses, with which he would spy out the secrets of Washington. The fact that he had been carrying glasses to the races for years only showed his guile in building up for this opportunity for perfidiousness.

If a small boy, forgetting himself for a moment, should order a hamburger sandwich, it was not unlikely that his whole family would be persecuted as German sympathizers, even though the boy's two older brothers should be at the front. Everyone knew that a real patriot ate only "liberty" sandwiches.

Let a householder in Ohio have trouble with his window curtain and have to raise and lower it several times to get it to stay put. He was promptly arrested for signaling to a German submarine. When he pointed out that a submarine couldn't get close enough to his house by several hundred miles to see the light, the citizens went into a conference and emerged with the idea that it must have been a Zeppelin, and burned his barn as a warning.

Absolutely silly, wasn't it? Well, the Japanese are going through just such a time now. It's all very exciting while it lasts, but it makes you feel sheepish when the scare is over.

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# EDITORIAL

EXTRA! EXTRA!! The Pathfinder editor has just received a beautiful engraved invitation, on rich, heavy cardboard, "requesting the honor of his presence" etc., etc. Oh, this must be one of those much-prized invitations to the inaugural ceremonies. What an honor, what an honor!

LATER. No—we must take it back—it was an invitation to inspect the new 1933 model of an automobile.

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"Jim" Farley, who is slated to head the Postoffice Department, is said to be a man who "doesn't talk." That's the kind of a man for that place. You know that even if he reads something specially interesting on a postal he isn't going to tell it all around.

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In the Latin American republics, the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution couldn't be exclusive, as they would have to include everybody.

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It seems our new warships are not a success as fighters. But think what a nice place they make for the naval officers to hold dances!

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Experts have delved deep and come up with the statement that "75 per cent of the automobiles now in use are unsafe." Wish they had delved still deeper and told us how many of the new ones are unsafe.

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One "used" flivver was advertised in Washington for $23, and if you took two you could have them both for $24. That's getting down where they should be. However, if you wait a little longer you can undoubtedly get them in the 10 cent stores.

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A number of newspapers and radio broadcasters have taken up the Pathfinder's demand for "a bath-tub in every home," and are spreading the gospel.

The hen is laying for us—but so is the tax collector.

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## DIFFERENT IN LINCOLN'S TIME

IT'S a good thing to dip back into past history from time to time, just to see how different things were—and still how similar they were to conditions in our own day.

When Abraham Lincoln was running for Congress there was no law requiring public statements of amounts spent in Campaigns. However, Lincoln frankly told how much he had spent in getting elected. He said that $200 had been contributed for his use—and he had returned $199.25.

His total expenditures were 75 cents.

He explained that he rode horseback or went on foot or caught a ride while on his electioneering trips, and he stayed with friends, so he had no hotel bills.

The 75 cents were spent for a barrel of cidar, to relieve the public thirst at a meeting. He doesn't say whether the cider was hard or soft—but presumably it was fairly new cider, as it was the fall of the year. The low price of 75 cents for a barrel of cider shows that money was tight even if the crowd wasn't.

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You can now go by rail from New York to Chicago and back for only $12.50. But who is there who would want to go to Chicago? Anyway, who is there who, having once got to Chicago, would ever want to go back to New York?

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When the vote was given to women it was declared that female factor in politics would drive out the male-factor. But it hasn't.

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An Irish court has just held that whisky is O. K. for snake bites. But in Ireland they have no snakes. That's the way it goes.

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## "FIVE-CENT MEALS," CERTAINLY

THE alleged experts of the Bureau of Home Economics of the Department of Agriculture have issued a manifesto ridiculing the idea that meals can be served for as low as five cents a plate, as demonstrated by the Pinchots recently. They say that they have conducted some of those well known "investigations and that they figure the very least allowance for a family of five is $6.50 to $7.50 a week—and this includes only the bare necessities.

The allowance made by the charity relief authorities in Washington is $3.60 a week. This is for a family of four.

The assertion of the Home Economics Bureau, that five-cent meals are an impossibility is just one more proof of how little bureaucratic specialists know about actual conditions. We suggest that some of the women readers of The Pathfinder furnish their Senators and Representatives in Congress the facts on this vital subject.

How much—or rather how little—can a family live on in these days? This doesn't mean just a single meal, of course—it means the average, week in and week out. We are certain, from our own personal knowledge, that the government experts are as far off on this matter as they have been on many others. We wonder how long the people of this nation intend to continue to give their hard-got money to pay for "investigations" and "researches" of this sort.

A total of $7.50 a week for a family of five, with three meals a day, gives over 21 cents for each and every meal. There are numberless restaurant and boarding-house keepers in this country who would be glad to take the job for half that amount. In fact we believe it could be done for five cents a meal—which allows 25 cents a day or $1.75 a week for a family of five.

President Garfield stated that he boarded himself while at college and it cost him only 55 cents a week. A family, living as a family, can always live much cheaper in proportion than a single person living by himself away from home.

We want to start a real discussion of this subject. Are the Department of Agriculture experts right, or are they wrong? Do they know what they are talking about? Are they familiar with the actual conditions throughout the land.

You tell 'em folks!

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## A KICK FROM UGASHIK

BE THANKFUL if you live in a place where you can get your Pathfinder, and not have to pay through the nose for it.

We have just received an instructive letter on this subject from Prof. Samuel C. Hanson, principal of the government school at Ugashik, Alaska. Prof. Hanson tells a sad story. When their mail was delivered by dog team, in the old-fashioned way, they used to receive their much-treasured Pathfinders regularly, once a month. But since airplanes have taken the service over, the cost of getting mail has become prohibitive.

They have to pay 40 cents a pound for all mail except first class. This is only from Anchorage, which is 350 miles away. The plane carries only 25 pounds, for this station, and the operators get $300 for the trip. It cost the doctor $45 to get his papers and magazines just one time. Last trip, the extra weight for Prof. Hanson cost him $25.50. One Christmas package cost him $2.50 extra.

Prof. Hanson explains that it is out of the question to try to receive papers and extra mail when the cost is so outrageous. We repeat, that you should be thankful if you are living in a place where you can receive your Pathfinder and not have to pay almost its weight in gold to get it.

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About the only trouble we see with the rising generation is that it doesn't rise early enough in the morning.

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If the new administration expects to balance the budget it will have to prune all the branches on the government tree until there is nothing left but the old stump.

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Score one more for our side. The National Social Unit Organization reports, after a survey, that 70 per cent of the cities' big captains of industry came from the small towns.

### MOTIVES

Some men work for power,
Some men work for fame,
Some men keep on working
Because they like the game;
Some men work for health's sake,
Some to show their grit—
Most men work because they'd
Starve if they should quit.

**"THE GROWER MUST GET MORE"—that's the Pathfinder demand.**

# MARKETING

The "big four" cigarette companies, which do the great bulk of the business, have made another concession to the times by declaring additional cuts in prices. The price to wholesalers is now down to $5.50 a thousand, with 10 per cent discount, and an additional two per cent for cash—which brings the net cost to the dealer down to $4.85 a thousand, or a trifle less than 10 cents for a pack of 20.

This fresh cut in prices resulted from a "price war" in the cigarette industry. The cheaper brands had been hurting the market so much that the big manufacturers evidently felt they would have to meet the situation by reducing their own prices.

This is good business—provided of course it does not involve reducing the prices which are paid to the growers for raising the tobacco. Many people do not realize that there is a tax of six cents on each package of 20 cigarettes. Now that the retail price on the popular brands is down to 10 cents, this means that Uncle Sam is getting six cents out of every 10. He is happy, if nobody else is.

This brings up the argument again, that tobacco is taxed too heavily. If the tax was reduced it would naturally allow a larger volume of business to be done. Here is a case where a sales tax has been a great success. It has produced large revenues for the government, and still the consumers haven't kicked. However, if there was an attempt to impose such a big tax as that on anything else, it would be a failure. Uncle Sam wishes he had a few more items like cigarettes to tax, for then his coffers would not be empty, as they now are.

Nearly everything in business is still on the down. This, in one sense, is just what the people want—but there are many products which are still priced far too high to be within the reach of the multitude. But they are on their way.

Sales of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Co. for four weeks of January, 1933, are reported as showing a decrease of 17 per cent from a year ago. Sales of this greatest of "chains" for the last year are reported as about 14 per cent less than for 1931. In these reports the sales are given in dollars. The A. & P. lost only about four per cent in actual volume of business, based on tonnage. When prices are going down, it naturally takes a larger volume of trade to keep up the record as figured in dollars.

Exports of foodstuffs for 1932 were valued at $242,000,000. Grain and grain products made up 22 per cent of this total—and the money value showed a decline of nearly 40 per cent from 1931.

Production of newsprint paper in the United States was about 13 per cent less than the year before.

Outdoor advertising—which means mostly billboards—is reported to show a shrinkage in 1932 of nearly 60 per cent from the high total of 1929. The big concerns engaged in this form of advertising are running at a loss.

People who are depending for their income on the steel stocks were very much grieved at the action of the U. S. Steel Corporation in declaring a quarterly dividend of only 50 cents a share instead of the usual $1.75. U. S. Steel has been considered a sort of tin god among the moneyed interests, and for 32 years it has lived up to that reputation. Hospitals and other charitable institutions depend on it.

General Motors is another world-beating corp which is now taking the bumps in bad shape. Their net profits for 1932 are reported as only $165,000, against a total of nearly $97,000,000 the year before. Ouch! But this corp has decided differently than the steel corp and continues to pay its usual dividends. According to the Associated Press reports, this concern had to dip into its surplus to the extent of $63,000,000 in order to keep up the dividends.


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# CAPITAL CHAT

Twenty-five governors have accepted invitations to the inauguration and it is likely that this year will see all 48 of our state governors in the inaugural stands as President-elect Roosevelt has called a conference of all the state chief executives at the White House for the second day after his inauguration.

Everybody is interested in what pets the President and First Lady have at the White House. President and Mrs. Hoover's favorites seem to be Weejie, a Norwegian elkhound, and Pat, a police dog. These first purps of the land even appeared with the Hoovers in a photo used on their Christmas cards. After the change of administrations on March 4 the canines that will get the choice first bones of the land will be Major, a police dog, and Meggie, a Scottish terrier. And believe it or not there will be a horse in the White House stable again. Mrs. Roosevelt is fond of horseback riding and intends to give her handsome saddle horse, Dot, a stall there.

The new $7,000,000 House Office Building is just about completed and already representatives have been drawing for space in the new and sumptuous quarters. Those fortunate enough to get space in the new building will have a suite of two or three rooms. There are to be 250 of these suites equipped with the most modern type of office furniture. There will also be five large committee rooms and a general assembly room to seat 450 persons. Congress voted itself this new building because the 435 representatives said they were overcrowded in the present House Office Building. Under present plans both the old and the new addition will continue as House office buildings.

This seems to be a poor time to be considering such a thing as National Statuary Hall and its clutter of bronze and marble. But our "sculptural junk shop" is back in the news. The joint Congressional Committee on Library has asked the House and Senate for authority to rearrange, relocate and perhaps discard some of the 65 statues now in the hall. Thirty-one more statues are entitled to be placed there but the claim is that there is already physical danger of assembling too much weight in one portion of the Capitol.

*David Lynn, Architect of the Capitol*

David Lynn, architect of the Capitol, informed the committee that engineers recommend that no more statues be placed in Statuary Hall and that the major part of those now there be moved as soon as suitable places can be found for them. While the floor is not in an actually dangerous condition, Lynn said, the load it carries is not according to modern rules of safety, and for that reason it should be relieved of part, if not all, of it.

National Statuary Hall, a semicircular room in the Capitol, was the original "Hall of Representatives." The House occupied it as its meeting place until shortly before the Civil war. In those days the floor was four feet lower than it is now (maybe that's why they started calling it the "lower house").

When the House got too large for the room it was set apart in 1864, at the suggestion of Representative Morrill, later senator from Vermont, as a "national hall of statuary." Each state was invited to contribute the statues of two citizens of "historic renown or distinguished civil or military service."

Most people agree that the idea was a good one but, unfortunately, no mention was made of the size, color, composition or mounting of the statues. Consequently, we have the present heterogeneous display of marble, bronze, and even plaster figures. Some of the statues are excellent works of art but due to the crowded condition none of them are impressive. Others are not only wretched works of art but political pull caused some states to honor insignificant men. Even if the floor would hold the other 31 there would be such a hodgepodge that no-one would have nerve enough to visit the place. While relieving the strain on the floor Congress might relieve Capitol visitors of the experience of visiting this ghostly junk shop.

There is a good deal of Washington and national chatter as to what President Hoover will do after his retirement on March 4. The President himself has not made known his plans, but local rumor has it that he will leave the capital almost immediately after the ceremony at the Capitol inaugurating his successor and go South, through the Panama Canal to the Pacific where he and a party of associates, including Secretaries Mills, Patrick and Lawrence Richey, will fish to their hearts' content. Mrs. Hoover will not accompany him.

**MARY AND THAT LAMB**

Mary had a little lamb,
A lobster and some prunes,
A glass of milk, a piece of pie,
And then some macaroons.
It made the naughty waiters grin
To see her order so;
And when they carried Mary out,
Her face was white as snow

# PERSONALITIES

Mabel Walker Willebrandt returns to the limelight as attorney for one of the leading industries of today—the manufacture of jig-saw puzzles. The puzzle-makers seem to be in more trouble than a would-be solver of their posers with a few lost pieces.

The trouble is that the government wants to tax them; and if a big company ever hires a good lawyer, it's sure to be when someone is trying to take money away from it.

*Former Assistant Attorney General now solving jig-saw puzzles.*

Here's the way the government has it figured out—if it has 49 pieces or less it's a kid's puzzle, but if it has from 50 on up it's pretty serious business and maybe daddy had better work on it while junior goes to bed. There's no tax on kid's puzzles, but for adults they stick you 10 per cent. Mabel's trying to prove that they're all childish—and maybe she's right. Perhaps we ought to tax the government for those puzzles they call income tax blanks. They're no kids' play!

In case you don't remember Mrs. Willebrandt, she's the lady who prosecuted wine drinkers as our first lady Assistant Attorney General and then became attorney for the wine-brick interests just to show her versatility.

A birthmark on his right foot identified Fred B. Graves, nee Bernard Apfeld, to his mother whom he had not seen for 27 years. Bernard was adopted when 16 months old and moved from Fairfield, Minn., to Cottonwood, S. D. He was 13 before he found out he was an Apfeld and not a Graves.

After a 15 year search he found his mother in San Diego, and it was discovered that they had lived within two

blocks of each other back in Minneapolis without realizing it.

Dr. Leopold Nathan of Zurich, one of Europe's best brewery experts, declares that 3.2 beer is the real stuff and is stronger than a lot of what they sell you in Europe. Dr. Nathan is in the U. S. for the purpose of erecting breweries and doing everything he can to get the people some good beer, when they get rid of the lame ducks.

Sir Malcolm Campbell, unsatisfied with his record of 253 miles an hour, is back in America with his giant racer for another bout with death and split-second timing. The time trials will be held as usual on the hard-packed sands of Daytona Beach, Fla., which is about the only place in the world with a smooth surface long and wide enough to permit such speeds in an automobile.

Campbell, who has spent 20 of his 48 years in auto racing, plays checkers to quiet his nerves before a speed event. His other hobby is treasure hunting, and he once headed an expedition to Cocos Island, in the Pacific off Central America, in search for ancient pirate treasure which wasn't where he dug.

The knighted Britisher doesn't get any prize money for risking his neck at five miles a minute. He is director of several business firms in England and wealthy. Pride of achievement and boosting of British motor supremacy are his incentives.

What Col. House was to Woodrow Wilson, Louis M. Howe is to Franklin D. Roosevelt. Albany correspondent of a New York newspaper, Howe first saw Roosevelt as a green state senator 20 years ago. Admiring F. D.'s fight against Tammany, Howe became his booster and best friend. Roosevelt places such a high value on Howe's judgment that he will take him to the White House as chief advisor.

Given credit, by those who know, for making Roosevelt governor and then president, Howe wants no political office, although any appointive position could be his for the hinting. Intimately acquainted with both professions, Howe declares that an honest politician or a dishonest journalist cannot succeed.

Being the foreman of the jury in federal court in New York isn't such an important task to Maurice Benedict. Two cases were being tried by the jury when Benedict won a free trip to Cuba—and to Cuba he went, A. W. O. L. from jury duty.

Nancy Josephine Landon, five-month-old daughter of the newly elected governor, is the first baby occupant of the Kansas governor's mansion at Topeka.

### STREAM-LINED TRAIN COACH

Germany has nothing on us. We have stream-lined train coaches, too. At Battle Creek, Mich., recently, one of those newly designed coaches capable of a speed of 70 miles an hour was tested. Made of aluminum and powered by a 16-cylinder gasoline motor this new coach carries 42 passengers.

## Momentyous Question

Here's a question that consarns us
In these days of thirty-three;
Questions all are right momentyous,
Present time, it 'pears to me.
Furrin debts are some perplexin'
To us folks among the sticks,
But we'll leave these problems vexin'
To the game called polyticks;
For the question that consarns us,
After all is done and said,
Is the fear that some poor kiddie
Trudges, hungry, up to bed.

I have heerd a faint suggestion
(Michygan to Alabam)
That th' beer's th' vital question
In this land of Uncle Sam.
Pro-hi-bition they're discussin'
(Cuddy-hunk to Golden Gate)
Wets and drys are wranglin', cussin',
Stressin' argyments of weight;
Yet this problem so momentyous,
Should jest be an issue dead,
'Til we're sure no half-fed young-un
Trudges, hungry, up to bed.

Farm relief's a pert-nent issue
We should wrastle with, 'tis true,
And the taxes never miss you,
Allus run your surplus through.
Tariff must be regerlated,
Customs levied, high and low,
Rever-noo can't be abated,
Uncle Sam must "run his show,"
All these problems are tremenjus,
But they're nothin' to the dread
Of a hundred thousand wee folks
Trudgin', hungry, up to bed.

Unemployment is the question
That should sound us to our soul.
Brother, what is your suggestion?
What will help us reach the goal?
Can you offer one day's labor
To someone in direst need?
Your neglect is like a saber,
Your support, a crownin' deed.
Your support, though but a pittance,
Ah, 'twill be on record spread;
Blest for savin' some wee tot from
Trudgin', hungry, up to bed.

You receive your stipend weekly,
You don't wish to be annoyed?
Pause and ponder, kindly brother,
One in ten are unemployed.
Will it hurt to SHARE, my brother,
Half as much as we believe?
Won't the blessin' richen, rather,
Blest to give, and not receive?
Ain't it grand we're workin', neighbor?
Praise th' Lord, our kids are fed;
Let's make sure NO wan-cheeked young-un
Trudges, hungry, up to bed.

—C. R. Mills, Fryeburg, Me.

### KNOW ANY SMALLER?

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# SCIENTIFIC

### CONTRADICTS EINSTEIN

It has been said that there are only a dozen men in the world who really understand the Einstein theory. Dr. Dayton C. Miller of Cleveland not only understands but picks flaws in it. Einstein, among the majority of scientists, claims that there is no ether and that the speed of light is uniform. Dr. Miller says his experiments prove that ether does exist, filling the blank spaces in the universe and transmitting the light waves.

His theory is that ether has substance, and that the earth plows through it much as a boat plows through water. As in water, more waves are met head on than at right angles. By means of an interferometer Dr. Miller claims he can detect the difference in the speed of light waves met head on from those coming at right angles. Other scientists claim that the difference is so slight that it does not prove the theory.

### IMPORTED INSECTS

As if we didn't have bugs enough of our own, some kind soul recently tried to smuggle in a few more for our special benefit, and only the watchfulness of the Department of Agriculture kept out a few new varieties.

Although the greater part of the fruit, vegetables, and plants imported into this country are entomologically pure (no bugs), the Bureau of Plant Quarantine keeps as close a watch on the incoming plants as a stenographer with a date does on the office clock.

But this time they found something. With a shipment of orchid plants was found an innocent-looking package of dried leaves, which when opened revealed nine kinds of ants, five species of beetles, five kinds of cockroaches, two moths, and three other assorted crawlers. Now times may be tough in the old country, but with this depression on, our own bugs have a hard enough time without foreign competition. The newcomers were permanently detained at the insect Ellis Island.

### GAS WARFARE HUMANE?

The folks who have been trying to have gas barred from the next war as barbarous and inhuman, have apparently been barking up the wrong tree. Observation by the Veteran's Bureau shows that gas does not cause tuberculosis, although it does cause quiescent or retarded cases to show up. Of 70,742 American soldiers gassed during the World war, 1,441 died, while practically all of the others went home.

The use of gas by the Germans in 1915 shocked the world, yet it is claimed that gassing a combatant is the most humane way so far devised of putting him out of action. A smart enemy seeks to send an opponent to the hospital rather than kill him; for when dead he is merely one soldier less, but when lying in the hospital he requires the care of persons who might be employed elsewhere. He also consumes food, which is scarce in a war of attrition, while at the same time he can do no harm himself.

### FORECASTING NIGHT WINDS

Meteorologists of the Department of Agriculture are able to observe the wind direction and velocity at different altitudes by night as well as in the daytime, thus enabling aviators to fly at the altitude having the most favorable wind.

Small free balloons carrying tiny paper lanterns or electric lights are released, and their courses followed with a theodolite—a small telescope mounted on an oriented base—from which angular readings are taken every minute.

From these readings the meteorologists are able to compute the speed and direction of each minute of flight, and since the balloons are inflated with just enough hydrogen to cause them to rise 600 feet a minute, the altitude at which the readings are taken is known.

### ABOUT BRIGHTER MOONS

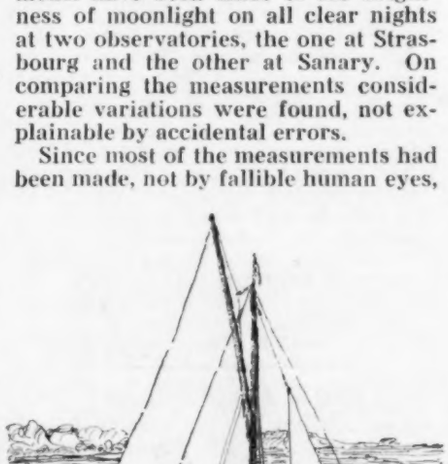
Lovers who remember how the moon on some unforgetable night was brighter and more beautiful than ever before or since may not be altogether victims of their own imaginations. An unemotional French astronomer, M. G. Rougier, of the Observatory at Strasbourg, has discovered that even the full moon actually does vary in brightness from one night to another.

For several years, M. Rougier reported recently to the French Academy of Sciences, in Paris, measurements have been made of the brightness of moonlight on all clear nights at two observatories, the one at Strasbourg and the other at Sanary. On comparing the measurements considerable variations were found, not explainable by accidental errors.

Since most of the measurements had been made, not by fallible human eyes, but by photo-electric cells presumably immune to moon-struck emotions, M. Rougier felt that some unknown factor must be affecting the moonlight. This finally was traced to unsuspected changes in the transparency of the air.

In their measurements of the brightness of moonlight, sunlight or starlight, astronomers always make allowances for the thickness of air traversed by the light being measured; more when the heavenly body is close to the horizon, less when it is high in the sky or directly overhead.

Besides this, M. Rougier finds that the transparency of a definite quantity of air, such as one mile, varies from night to night, presumably because of unrecognized changes in the weather or in the condition of the higher layers of the atmosphere. When the air is most transparent the moon seems unusually bright. When it is less so the moon seems duller.



*In this 18-foot sailing skiff Fred Rebell, 47-year-old Australian, traveled alone from Sydney to Los Angeles. It took him a whole year to complete the 8,000-mile voyage in the good ship "Elaine."*

### MECHANICAL SCHOOL TEACHER

Reynold Johnson, high school teacher at Ironwood, Mich., has invented and installed in his school, a mechanical teacher which grades and marks lesson and examination papers.

With each examination an answer sheet is provided. This sheet is divided into columns in which several possible answers are marked. After due figuring, whispering, or peeking into a book, the student perforates the answer he knows, or guesses is correct. The sheet is then fed to the robot professor, who searches out the perforations with a beam of light and dials the results.

## SCIENCE NIBBLES

A white odorless carbon dioxide ice, with a temperature of 109 degrees below zero, is made from chimney gasses at a cost of only one cent a pound.

In Norway one may buy a combination toothbrush and mouth wash atomizer which sprays as it brushes the teeth.

Nickel tags are recovered from Alaska herring by electro magnets—so you won't eat 'em.

Mail in Germany is so speedy that they installed a refrigerating system in the underground tubes to prevent overheating.

Sea bass, scup, and fluke like the water to be of an even temperature. Fishermen off the Virginia Capes have a bigger catch when a thermometer is used to locate depth of 45 degree water.

Experiments by the University of Michigan prove that the ads are right, and that the lighting of a cigarette does actually aid in maintaining nonchalance in moments of stress.

Trichogramme Minuti, a tiny insect with a big name, has the sugar cane borer on the run in Louisiana. The parasite was introduced by the State University.

Opaque black spectacles with pinhole apertures increase sharpness of vision. They are being used by many artists, engravers, and miscroscopists.

# PASTIME

### FAMOUS COIN TRICK

If you have seen many magicians perform you have no doubt seen this coin trick worked. Most magicians have it up their sleeves, as it were. However, it is a dandy one to know.

The performer takes an ordinary looking tin plate or platter and after exhibiting it empty pours from it a number of coins. Wouldn't you like to

*The Secret*

be able to do that, that is, actually make coins pour from an empty tin pan? Of course professional magicians have elaborately constructed platters to perform this and other tricks. The secret of the trick is that there is a false bottom, concealed chute or slide at the back of the pan.

Anyone handy at making things can fix up an ordinary tin pie plate for the trick. Bend a piece of tin and solder it on the bottom of the plate allowing space enough between the bottom of the plate and the piece of tin for several dimes or pennies to slide in, see illustration. The dotted line indicates the position of the piece of tin on the back of the plate. This slide must be large enough to allow the coins to slip out into the hand when the plate is tipped toward the performer.

### NOVEL STRING RACE

You have to prepare for this race in advance. To make it fair prepare a number of bundles of string and be sure that all the bundles contain the same number of pieces. Give each contestant a bundle of these short strings and at a given signal the race is on. They start by tying one end of the first piece to a chair or starting peg or bush, if out of doors. The other pieces of string are tied on, one at a time, as the racers move on. Regardless of the distance he travels the player getting all his pieces joined in one continuous line first wins the race.

### SEEING THROUGH A BRICK

Can you see through a brick? No, not really. But you can make some of your friends believe they see through a brick. Make a tube by rolling up a piece of newspaper. Now have them hold a brick in front of their eyes and place the paper tube beside the brick. Tell them to hold the upper end of the tube to one eye and look through it with both eyes open. Apparently they can see right through the brick and even make out objects on the other side of it.

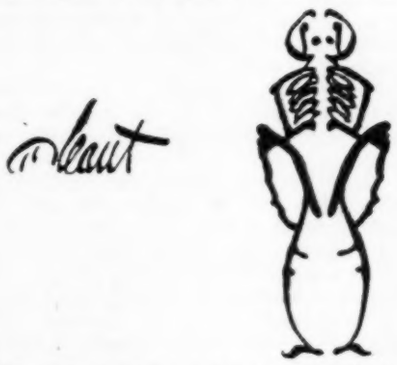
### BANANA BALANCING STUNT

You can mystify your friends with this clever stunt. The only equipment needed is a man's soft felt hat, a long needle and a banana. The performer announces that he will balance the banana on one end on the crown of the hat. But the secret lies in the long needle which is concealed in the hat before announcing the stunt. When the banana is placed on end on the hat the needle is pushed up through the hat crown and into the banana. Thus the banana "balances" on the hat. Remove both the needle and the banana at the same time, concealing the needle in the crown of the hat again.

### WILLIE'S SKELETON

Did you ever hear the story of how "blotology," "smudgography," or whatever you choose to call it saved little Willie of Cairo, Mo., from a severe flogging?

According to reader R. W. Rice, of Caldwell, Ida., they had a very boisterous woman teacher at Cairo one year. She established the rule of having drawing the first 30 minutes in the morning after "books." Little Willie



did not start to school until three weeks after it had opened. They raised tobacco, and his Pa kept him out of school to worm the late tobacco.

The very morning this young lad went to school for the first time they were drawing skeletons. The teacher's rule was to give the best artist an orange while the worst got a flogging. When poor Willie made several attempts he saw he was a failure, while a glance at the work of the little girl next to him told him she far excelled him when it came to drawing.

So Willie broken-heartedly gave up, wrote the word "Can't" opposite one of his poor attempts (see illustration) and folded his paper. Grief overcame him and he bowed his head on the desk on top of the paper. Just then the fussy teacher came down and snatched his folded paper from under his head.

She opened the paper and behold she saw Willie's masterpiece, also shown in the sketch. He had unwittingly folded his paper just at the bottom of the word Can't. When the teacher snatched the paper away the weight of Willie's head caused the ink to spread out to complete the "blotology" skeleton. Willie was indeed surprised when she complimented him on his work, although he didn't get the orange.

# BRAIN TEASER

With trucks doing more hauling today than at any time in history everyone should find interest in this clever problem. Suppose you are in the hauling business yourself and have three trucks. These three trucks make regular trips over regular routes. If it takes truck No. 1 five days to make a round trips, truck No. 2 seven days and truck No. 3 10 days, each resting a day after each trip and also on Sundays, how many days will elapse before they all return together, providing they all start together at first on Monday morning? Answer next week.

**Answer to Last Week's**—First field, 162 sheep; second field, 144 sheep; third field, 128 sheep.

### YOU NEVER KNOW ABOUT CHEESE

Mose Johnson, a good-natured and "easy" colored character of the neighborhood, went into an Alabama country store and asked the storekeeper to give him a little lunch of crackers and cheese. The merchant, who was getting a little tired of Mose's frequent requests of this sort, decided to play a trick on him.

He handed Mose a small box of axle grease and a handful of crackers. He told Mose that the axle grease was a new kind of cheese which he wanted him to sample. Mose was pleased with the brilliant label on the box, and as he couldn't read he readily accepted the idea that the box contained cheese. In fact his mouth watered to get into it.

He took his lunch on the front steps and fell to with a will, while a crowd of loafers looked on with wonder and mirth. In due time Mose had disposed of the last cracker and cleaned the grease out of the box. The merchant came out and asked Mose how he had enjoyed his lunch.

The old darkey replied: "Dat was a pow'ful fine little cheese, Mistah Brown, but it done taste ter me ez if it was jes' a little bit ransom—jes' a little bit ransom—yassuh."

### WORDS SOON TO COME BACK

With all kinds of hard and near-hard drinks now in the offing, we shall presumably again soon be hearing such picturesque terms as these, which were the current coin of conversation before prohibition caused the great drought:

He (or now she) was soaked, soused, stewed, pie-eyed, paralyzed, sizzled, pickled, loaded to the gunnel, squiffed, teed up, tanked up, groggy, canned, bunned, boozy, woozy, corned, fuddled, half shot, half seas over, three sheets to the wind, mellow, ossified, plastered, tight, tipsy, tangled, tanglefooted, google-eyed, dead to the world, lights out, locoed, lit up like a church, full of prune juice, full as a goat—or even spifflicated.

Back in 1920, when crude oil was $6 a barrel, sugar 15 cents a pound, round steak 50 cents and everything else in proportion, the Wilson administration at Washington issued a statement that lower prices were "just around the corner." Where have we heard something like that before?

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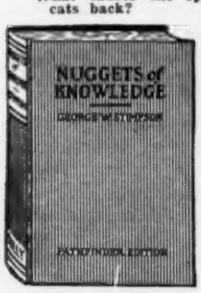
**What nationality was the Queen of Sheba?**
**Must one employ a lawyer to get a patent?**
**What are shooting stars?**
**How did "kodak" originate?**
**When was the year without a summer?**
**What is a whip snake?**
**How did "the three wise monkeys" originate?**
**How high are the highest waves?**
**Were Noah Webster and Daniel Webster related?**
**Who was President of U. S. for one day?**
**Do snakes go blind during dog days?**
**What causes the sparks when one rubs a cats back?**

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# QUESTION BOX

**Did members of Congress who served in the war receive pay as such?**

In answer to this question in our Sept. 17, 1932 issue we erroneously said: "Yes, those who received congressional salaries while in the service were Senators Tom Connally of Texas and Carl Hayden of New Mexico——" We wish to take this opportunity to correct the error as well as to express our regret both to our readers and to Senators Connally and Hayden, because The Pathfinder does not wish to publish an untruth about anyone.

During the World war both Senators were members of the House. They both served in the war with distinction, and while it is true that the money was later made available by Congress to pay the salaries of Congressmen while they were in the National Army during the war neither of the Senators, then Representatives, accepted it. The only pay they ever received for the period they were in the military service was their army pay as captain and major, respectively, of infantry.

In March 1919 when the resolution to authorize the payment of salaries to members of the House withheld during their absence in the military service of the United States was introduced Rep. Connally made it very plain that he would not accept the money. We quote, from the Congressional Record, his remarks at that time:

"While I do not assume to censor the conduct of any other member of the House, I am anxious for the House to know that for myself I neither desire nor will I accept compensation as a member of Congress while I was serving in the United States army. When I entered the army I was willing to accept the reduced pay provided as compensation in the army. Practically every soldier who joined the colors received less than he did in civil life, and I want no more consideration than was accorded to others in the service."

**Is Orville Wright living?**

Orville Wright, co-inventor of and first to ride in an airplane, is still living at Dayton, Ohio. He is 62 years old. His older brother, Wilbur, died of typhoid fever at Dayton in 1912.

**Why does the noon shadow cast by a sun dial fail to correspond with standard time?**

A true, or sidereal day, is the exact period of time it takes the earth to make one complete revolution on its axis. This period is 24 hours, 3 minutes, 56.5554 seconds, and only clocks and chronometers regulated to sidereal time will point to noon when the sun is exactly over the meridian.

For convenience the day has been arbitrarily set at exactly 24 hours, and therefore local mean time and sidereal time are the same on March 21st only. Standard time zones are also set arbitrarily, and since true noon is the time when the sun is directly overhead, noon really comes one minute later for every nautical mile (6,080.27 feet) west of the standard meridian. Therefore it can be seen that your sun dial will correspond with standard time only one day each year.

**Is Tokyo the third largest city in the world?**

According to the latest census the population of Greater Tokyo is 5,311,000, making it the third largest city in the world. Ten years ago it was sixth; being surpassed by London, New York, Berlin, Paris, and Chicago.

**How many Federal penitentiaries are there?**

There are three, located at Atlanta, Ga., Ft. Leavenworth, Kans., and McNeil's Island, Wash.

**How can the United States Constitution be changed?**

The Constitution of the United States is the organic law of the land. It can be changed by action of Congress and the states. A two-thirds vote of each house is required to start an amendment; this means two-thirds of the members present, providing it is a quorum. When legislatures of three-fourths of the 48 states have ratified the amendment it becomes a part of the Constitution.

# GEOGRAPHIC TABLOID

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Nickname**—None.

**Motto**—Justitia Omnibue (Justice to All).

**District Flower**—American Beauty rose.

**Area**—70 sq. mi. (49th in rank).

**Population**—486,865 (695.5 to sq. mi., 25 per cent negro).

**Illiteracy**—Whole city, 1.6 per cent; negro, 4.1.

**Wealth** (1929 est.) — $1,860,000,000 ($3,849 per capita).

**Settled**—1790.

**Entered Union**—1790.

**Capital**—The City of Washington (the Federal Capital).

**Largest City**—Washington, co-terminous with the District of Columbia.

**Government** — Governed by Congress, which delegates its powers to some extent to the local government. Latter is a municipal corporation, and is administered by a board of three commissioners—two appointed from civil life by the President and confirmed by the Senate, while the third (engineer commissioner) is detailed from time to time by the President from the Engineer Corps of the regular army.

**Commissioners** — Civil: Maj. Gen. Herbert S. Crosby (retired) and Dr. Luther Reichelderfer. Term of each three years; salary of each $7,500. Engineer Commissioner—Maj. John Gotwals. Term—during the pleasure of the President; salary—regular army pay plus sum to make it equal to salary of other commissioners.

**Leading Industry**—Printing.

**Politics**—None (In 1932 presidential election many Democrats and Republicans wished they could vote).

*Funk—What are you grouching about? You got $25,000 and a house when you married your wife, didn't you?*

*Punk—Yes, the money and the house were enough, but the wife is too much.*

ified an amendment it is proclaimed by the State Department as a part of the Constitution. One amendment may be superseded or repealed by another.

The Supreme Court has held that state laws submitting federal amendments to referendum of voters are of no effect, as the Constitution says the legislatures shall decide.

**What is the fastest train in the U. S.?**

The fastest scheduled run in the United States is on the Pennsylvania R. R. between Camden and Atlantic City, N. J. The trains average 76.5 m. p. h. to complete the scheduled run of the 58.3 miles in 45 minutes.

**Is it possible to get an education while serving in the Navy?**

Yes, if by education you mean the things the Navy teaches. The Navy trains its own men in mechanical and clerical lines; and there is perhaps no better way of learning a mechanical trade.

If interested in academic subjects an education can better be obtained in the U. S. Marine Corps, where a large variety of subjects are taught by the Marine Corps Institute. A grammar school education or its equivalent is required before one may enlist in either branch.

**What is solder made of?**

There are several dozen formulas for solders available in Henley's 20th Century Book of Formulas. Common soft solder is made from various combinations of tin, lead and bismuth. Thirty-seven parts of lead and 63 parts of tin melted together make a good solder for average purposes.

**Are there any negro National Guardsmen?**

There are now negro National Guard units in the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Ohio, Illinois and Maryland. All these units are infantry. Before the World war seven states and the District of Columbia had negro guard units. They were Massachusetts, Tennessee, Connecticut, Maryland, New York, Illinois and Ohio.

**Could Tarzan have learned English from a book?**

One reading of a "Tarzan" book has convinced us that Tarzan would be capable of doing anything that Edgar Rice Burroughs's imagination could conceive. There is nothing illogical about learning a language by comparing the pictures and printed words in a book, although we know of no case where such a thing has actually happened. The feat would no doubt be impossible to an ordinary mortal, but Tarzan can hardly be classed as ordinary.

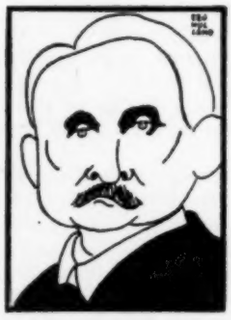
**Who was the first governor of Virginia?**

The first man to actually hold the title of "governor" of Virginia was Lord Delaware. He was appointed by the London Company, whose charter lasted 18 years. Delaware was appointed in 1609 and was to hold office for life, but he died in 1618. However, Lord Delaware lived in Virginia only nine months of the nine years he held that office. The rest of the time he was represented by a deputy.

## $250,000 WORTH OF SPUDS

The Katahdin potato furnished the theme of some lively vocal artillery on Capitol Hill. Rep. Thomas L. Blanton of Texas, who is campaigning for government economy, selected the Department of Agriculture for his range, and potato experimentation as his particular target.

The Gentleman from Texas accused the Bureau of Plant Industry of spending 20 years and $250,000 to develop one potato, the Katahdin, which he says is inferior in yield to the spuds now on the market.



*Dr. Taylor*

Dr. William A. Taylor, Bureau chief, admits the 20 years and the $250,000, but says the Katahdin was only one of many varieties with which experiments were conducted, and that the production of a disease-resisting potato will be worth billions to the farmer, since it will permit him to plant spuds with the knowledge that they will be edible when dug up.

## THAT ALARM CLOCK

B-r-r-r-r-r—

Oh, shut up! Let me rest. I've just gone to bed!

B-r-r-r-r-r—

I'd like to smash your face!

B-r-r-r-r-r—

Can't you leave me alone?

B-r-r-r-r-r—

You must be wrong. There's plenty of time yet.

B-r-r-r-r-r—

Oh, just give me another hour's sleep.

B-r-r-r-r-r—

Just 15 minutes more, please.

B-r-r-r-r-r—

Five minutes.

B-r-r-r-r-r—

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B-r-r-r-r-r—


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# HOME

### HOW TO MAKE SOAP

Killing fats and other portions of the hog that are unfit for rendering into lard may be cheaply converted into good laundry soap in the home, says Dr. P. Mabel Nelson, head of the Department of Foods and Nutrition of Iowa State College.

Seven pints of water may be added to three pounds of the melted fat. The fat solidifies, leaving the impurities. To each seven pounds of the melted fat is added one pound of lye dissolved in three pints of water. The lye solution is cooled to about 80 to 85 degrees and the fat to 110 to 115 degrees.

Then add to this solution a scant cup of ammonia or a scant one-half cup of borax. This is stirred to a honey-like consistency and poured into wooden or cardboard containers. Oil of lavender or oil of cedar may be added to give it a pleasant odor. Allow the soap to ripen at least a month before using.

### MONEY IN CLEAN EGGS

An important source of additional revenue is being overlooked by poultrymen who are not producing clean eggs, according to W. D. Buchanan, State College of Washington poultryman. Clean eggs bring more money than dirty eggs and through the use of recently developed methods it is possible to produce as high as 90 per cent clean eggs.

There are several more or less standard methods that usually bring excellent results. But simply keeping the litter clean will produce clean eggs. If there is no dirt to get on the hens' feet, it will not be tracked into the nests and the eggs will not be soiled. Clean straw, clean nests and gypsum troughs give the best results.

### DANGER IN FROST-BITE

Frost-bite is the result of freezing the skin. While freezing the skin is white and the thawing-out is accompanied by marked pain and burning. Too rapid thawing should be avoided by rubbing the parts with snow, but in a warm room. The mistake is often made of rubbing the frozen parts in snow while out in the intense cold. The result is that the frozen parts freeze more thoroughly.

After a mild freezing the parts may develop a red inflammation which gradually disappears in about 10 days. A pronounced freezing is followed by numerous blisters which eventually peel off without leaving a scar. In severe freezings, however, the blisters may be followed by ulcerations which leave mutilating scars, or gangrene may set in and amputation may be necessary.

Once a part of the body has been frost-bitten it is usually more sensitive to cold and more readily frozen. Therefore one should guard against a repetition of frost-bite. The danger signal of freezing is the loss of sensation. As long as there is pain in the frozen parts no damage has been done.

*"What did you discuss at the meeting of the Literary Club last night?"*
*"We first discussed Shakespeare and prohibition, then Emerson and prohibition and finally Tarkington and prohibition."*

### THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

A naked house, a naked moor,
A shivering pool, before the door,
A garden bare of flowers and fruit
And poplars at the garden foot;
Such is the place that I live in,
Bleak without the bare within.

Yet shall our rugged moor receive
The incomparable pomp of eve
And the cold glories of the dawn
Behind our shivering trees be drawn;
And when the wind from place to place
Doth the unmoored cloud galleons chase,
Your garden gloom and gleam again,
With leaping sun, with glancing rain.
Here shall the wizard moon ascend
The heavens, in the crimson end
Of day's declining splendor; here
The army of the stars appear,
The neighbor hollows, dry or wet,
Spring shall with tended flowers beset;
And oft the morning muser see
Larks rising from the broomy lea,
And every fairy wheel and thread
Of cobweb dew-bediamonded,
When daisies go, shall wintertime
Silver the simple grass with rime;
Autumnal frosts enchant the pool
And make the cart-ruts beautiful;
And when snow bright the moor expands
How shall our children clap their hands.

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# WOMEN

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### IMPROVING HUSBANDS

The increase in divorces, despite the depression, is now blamed on women's efforts to improve their husbands. Mrs. Pearl L. Weber, of Omaha Municipal University, says there is no need for folks to be alarmed. To quote her "It's just a sign that women are forcing men to improve. Marriage is on the remake, and divorce is the assertion of woman's independence." Women, she points out, are obtaining most of the divorces and when they have completed their little task of reforming man divorces will be fewer.

Mere man, on the other hand, will say that it is just the other way around; that divorces will become fewer and fewer when and if man can reform woman; he has been trying to do just that all these years, but the war, woman suffrage, equal rights and whatnots have undone all he had accomplished, thus the increase in divorces, and that he needs time to get his "Lady Bird" down off her high horse, etc., etc.

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But will American women wear the new back-to-the-kitchen frocks decreed by the French, although they do have to wash the dishes? The new frocks are made, believe it or not, of dish cloth cotton, string-striped hemp and natural burlap. And what do you think is used for belts? Just ordinary clothesline wound around the waist several times and tied or fastened with a metal buckle. If we know our women, the French fashion experts will have to come again before American women will give up their cotton prints, calicos, ginghams and, perhaps, rayons for an old French dish rag or burlap sack. The "Buy American" drive anyway is knocking all French jiggers out.

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# Reorganization of I. C. C. to Solve Rail and Bus Tangle

One of the first steps in the government economy drive promised by the new administration will probably be the reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission to bring all agencies dealing with transportation by land, sea and air under one authority.

That the transportation interests themselves recognize the need of such coordination is shown by the fact that rail and motor heads got together and after extensive study recommended uniform legislation which will permit the railroads to compete with the bus and truck lines on somewhat of an equal footing.

Much of the trouble with the railroads now has been due to government interference. The railroads' profits have been limited in good times, permitting them to accumulate no surplus to tide them over the lean years, with the result that they are all just about broke now. However, the railroads have no one to blame but themselves for this interference, for it was their greed when they had a free rein that caused the government to step in and limit their profits.

A government that did not meddle with the affairs of business would cost us a lot less than one which has its fingers in every pie, but big business has never shown enough intelligent self interest to regulate itself so that the government could keep its hands off. It was the head of a railroad which expressed this big business attitude with "the public be damned!"

Although railroads still carry 95 per cent of the freight and passenger traffic in this country, they have been losing a lot of the most profitable business to bus and truck lines, because they could not compete with their rates. With considerable justice they claimed that they had to maintain an expensive right of way while the busses and trucks operated on highways maintained by the state, and to which the railroads themselves contributed in taxes. The fact that practically all railroads were subsidized by the government when built seems to have been overlooked. They also neglect to remember that the trucks pay heavy taxes on gasoline and other supplies.

The joint committee of railroad and highway users, consisting of railroad presidents on one side; and an auto manufacturer, bus line head, oil company mogul, chain store official and an automobile association president on the other, have agreed on the policy that "The public is entitled to . . . the most economical means of transportation, and no legislation should be enacted to stifle any legitimate form of transportation. The public's right to selection of the agency of transportation which it finds most useful must be respected."

The legislation proposed will put the expense of constructing and maintaining trunk highways entirely upon the users through license and gasoline taxes. Vehicles operating as common carriers will stand a much stiffer license fee than those operating privately.

Roosevelt discussed his contemplated reorganization of the I. C. C. with Walker D. Hines, former director general of the railroad administration. Later Hines, speaking for himself, said he favored placing inland waterways transportation upon its own feet without further support from the government and was against the further limiting of railroad profits.

The railroads as a whole are running heavily "in the red," with no prospect of anything better until they learn to adopt light modern cars and reduce their fares greatly. The railroads have been helped along by loans of the people's money, but this has merely got them in still worse, as they now have the interest as well as the principal to pay.

*Hermie—Bill, you looked awfully foolish when you proposed to me.*
*Bill—I'm beginning to think I was.*

### ARIZONA METEORITE LOCATED

After 30 years of drilling at a cost of $500,000, the owners of famous Diablo Canyon crater have been rewarded by finding the 10,000,000-ton mass of metal which fell from the sky 50,000 years ago. At least scientists have told them where the meteorite was hidden and their drills have struck metal in that place; while for the figures of weight and time we'll have to rely on the geologists, who make a specialty of estimating such things.

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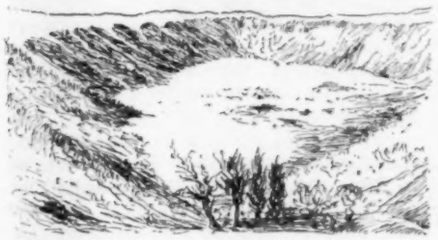
bought the big hole in the ground back in 1903 when small pieces of the sky visitor were picked up in the vicinity and found to consist of almost solid nickel, iron and platinum.

They set to work drilling at once, figuring the meteorite had fallen straight down, and that if they dug far enough they would come to where it had stopped. After hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent they called in geologists, who looked over the rock formations, noticed how they were folded upward on the south lip which was higher than the north, and decided that the metorite had hit at a northerly angle and was buried a quarter of a mile under the south edge.

A quarter of a mile straight down is a long way, and stock wasn't selling as well as it used to; so just to make sure, other scientists were called. By using the extremely sensitive magnetometer the geologists findings were confirmed. After drilling 1,350 feet at the new location the edges of the drilling tools were ruined by contact with solid metal. Now all they have to do is dig it out.

Another thing the scientists discovered was that the meteorite is not in one big piece, but is made up of mil-



*Where a Meteorite Struck in Arizona*

lions of separate but closely packed bodies, much like a charge of buckshot.

The only other known meteorites anywhere near this in size landed in a desolate uninhabited region of Siberia and the Sahara desert years ago. The one in Siberia uprooted and scorched trees thirty miles away, and threw up the land in giant waves. The pitted crater of this meteorite is two miles in diameter.

## HANDSHAKER WANTED

What this country really needs is a good all-around hand-shaker and corner-stone layer. The democratic theories upon which our government are founded lead the populace to demand that the president prove his democracy by shaking hands with thousands of pop-eyed but muscular tourists; laying corner stones for roundhouses; and making stirring speeches to the semi-occasional conventions of retired corset salesmen.

This being a good fellow and mixing with the masses is all very well, and no president has raised any serious objection to the citizen's desire to pump the arm of greatness. The drawback is that it leaves so little time for a president to tackle the real business of presidenting, which calls for sound judgment as to whether we shall declare war on Europe, and who shall be the next postmistress at Sopchoppy, Fla.

Now when a president is listening to a detailed statement of the merits of a lady who is to cancel postcards at Sopchoppy, perhaps he cannot make the proper choice because he's being rushed by the schoolteachers of Yell County, Ark., who will want to tell their pupils how they shook the hand of the president and "he had such a sweet smile but did look so tired, the poor dear."

Then again, a new tariff bill, listing 1764 dutiable items and 1423 articles which are to be exempt because their lobby wasn't very convincing, comes up for signature or veto. If the president signs the bill letting in concentrated essence of ambergris free he's likely to cause another depression by stifling an infant industry; but how can he look through that whole list to find in which column C. E. of A. is listed, when a second lieutenant at Fort Robinson, Nebr., just has to be cashiered for the good of the service because he said naughty words to a private who preferred gravy stains to campaign ribbons.

Then too, Switzerland has perhaps just landed Marines at the chief seaport of Afghanistan, and this will call for a new foreign policy; but Siam wants to extradite a check-kiter and the president is sure to neglect one of these matters at the expense of the other. Both could be taken care of if he did not have to prepare a speech for the convention of Disabled Veterans of the Pershing Punitive Expedition into Chihuahua. But the veteran vote is important.

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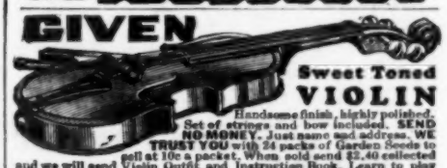

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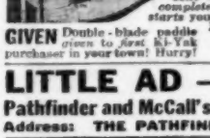

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# A Very Crabbed Man

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A man was riding home on a street car, carrying several parcels. Sitting beside him was a nice looking woman. Being a married man, of course he paid little attention to her.

He was engrossed in reading his paper—or at least he pretended to be. He did notice that she wore a very becoming dress, with short sleeves, and that her arms were plump—just the kind you are tempted to touch, if not pinch.

Suddenly, the woman sprang to her feet and gave the man a fierce slap in the face. As already stated, the man was a married man, and still he was surprised to receive such a blow, with no explanation. The woman summoned the conductor and explained that this strange man had—what do you think?—yes, he had PINCHED HER!

Pinched her arm, not only in one place but several places. There were two marks where he had done it, and one of them was bleeding.

The conductor, who was also a married man, well disciplined in the ways of women and the arts of peace, stopped the car and called a policeman—thus passing the buck to the minion of the law. The officer made an investigation.

He could hardly pinch the woman, because she had been pinched too much already. So he pinched the man and the man then confessed that he had a half dozen live crabs in one of his parcels. These crabs had broken through the paper and laid hold of the first thing they came to—which happened to be the fair lady's arm.

Peace was finally restored on the Bulgarian front, with profuse apologies all round. Legally, the man was responsible for what his crabs had done. It was what the lawyers call a "tort" or "trespass on the case." However, the woman might be guilty of "contributory negligence" by wearing a dress with short sleeves and exposing such a tempting arm.

Anyway, she acted the part of a gracious lady, and agreed to forgive all—on the understanding that the man would give her two of the crabs to take home—since crabs were one of her weaknesses. This he did—and he wrapped them up so well in his newspaper that they couldn't possibly do any more unauthorized pinching. Traffic was then resumed, and all the passengers in the car felt pleased, because they had enjoyed a very good show—at no expense to themselves.

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The British published more new books than Americans during the past year.

Greek autos with even tag numbers are operated only on certain weekdays while the odd-numbered take to the streets and highways on the other days—it's a new government ruling.

### WHEN LETTERS WERE FORMAL

Thomas Jefferson was a great letter writer. It is said that he wrote thousands of letters every year. And of course they had to be very formal. People in those days were serious-minded and they did not descend to familiarities. Jefferson was himself a man of plain habits and tastes, as we know, but he felt that he had to comply with the fashions in letter writing which the high-hat people of that day set.

Here, for instance, is the way he closed one letter: "Repeating to you my sincere sense of your goodness to me, and my wishes to prove it on every occasion, adding my sincere prayer that Heaven may bless you with many years of life and health, I pray you to accept here the homage of those sentiments of respect and attachment with which I have the honor to be your most obedient and humble servant."

Bear in mind, they had no typewriters in those days. All letters, as well as writings of every sort, had to be done laboriously in long-hand, and with quill pens. Try to imagine what people of today would say—especially the younger generation—if they were told they would have to write their letters by hand and model them after the style of Jefferson's time!

### AY, THERE'S THE RUB

If he is blest who takes his daily scrub,
Twice blest is he who scours out the tub.

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# LUCIDS

"Did anybody drop a roll of bills with a rubber band around them?" asked an old gentleman in the trolley car."

"Yes, I did," said several voices.

"Well, I just picked up the rubber band," said the old gentleman, calmly.

She—And when we're married, darling, we'll have a nice little house right near mother, so she can drop in any time.

He—You bet. We'll get one right by the river.

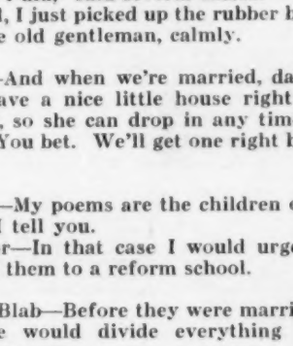
Poet—My poems are the children of my brain, I tell you.

Editor—In that case I would urge you to send them to a reform school.

Mrs. Blab—Before they were married he said he would divide everything 50-50 with her.

Mrs. Gab—And doesn't he do it?

Mrs. Blab—Oh, yes; he takes $50 and gives her 50 cents.



*Greta—Since I last saw you I have divorced my husband.*

*Marlene—I know; we were married almost immediately.*

Man—Got any mail for me?

Post Office Clerk—What's your name?

Man—You'll find it on the envelope.

Jobyna—I hear that Marlene is going to marry a man 50 years old.

Nadine—Oh, that's a terrible mistake. He's either 25 years too old or 25 years too young.

"Bingo brags that he always carries with him 'between $95 and $100.'"

"Yes; what he means is $5—that's 'between $95 and $100,' isn't it?"

"Hello, Brown! Wasn't yesterday a fine day for an auto trip?"

"Yes. I got one fine for speeding and another because my lights were out."

"Is your husband still worrying over that new auto he bought?"

"Constantly," replied Mrs. Chuggins. "I never knew such a severe case of flivver complaint."

"So Clara concluded to accept that rich young scapegrace in spite of his bad record?"

"Yes, she forgave his past because of his presents."

Mother—I can't think, for the life of me, Reuben, where that boy of ours gets his temper from. No one can say it's from me.

Reuben—No, he didn't get it from you, 'cause you've still got yours.

Goofus—Have you got a job?

Rufus—Got a job? I should say so. I've got my own job and the jobs of three other men who have had to be discharged—and I'm expected to do the work the whole bunch used to do. Don't mention "job" to me again!

Teacher—Now, Josephine, can you explain what is meant by the word "unaware"?

Josephine—Yes, "unaware" is what you take off just before you put on your nightie.

"Man can serve but one master."

"Well, in that case I'll cast my lot with the paymaster."

Teacher—What is the difference, James, between electricity and lightning?

James—You don't have to pay for lightning.

Mrs. Newbride—Kenneth, darling, I think the butcher cheated me.

Kenneth—How so, cutie?

Cutie—He sold me a turkey that didn't have a bit of stuffing in it.

Egbert—The dentist examined me and told me I had a large cavity that needed filling.

Herbert—Did he suggest any particular course of study for it?

Goofus—How do you explain that lightning never strikes in the same place twice?

Rufus—That's easy. After lightning strikes once, the same place isn't there any more.

"Any child in this room may grow up to be president," said the teacher, encouragingly.

"I don't know about that," said one boy; "this isn't a doubtful state."

Bride—Cuthbert, dear, how does my record so far compare with your mother's?

Groom—Your fusses are nothing like the ones mother used to make.

"But how did you get her to believe such an outrageous lie?"

"I told it to her in strict confidence."

City Scout—I suppose you hatch all these chickens yourself?

Country Scout—No, we let the hens do that—and we also use incubators.

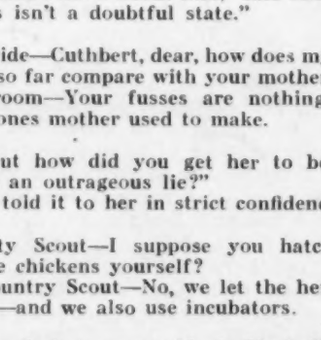
"So Jack is engaged? Is Maybelle the bride-to-be?"

No, Maybelle was the tried-to-be."

A young couple were occupying the porch swing rather late that night. The girl's mother called out: "Sue, what are you doing, up so late?"

Sue replied: "Looking at the lovely moon."

"Well," retorted the mother, "it's time to send the lovely moon home."



*Judge—You were arrested for stealing a couple of diamond rings. You say you are innocent. Can you afford to pay a lawyer to defend you?*

*Culprit—I could give him one of the rings.*

*Girl—So you met my brother at college, did you? That's wonderful!*

*Boy—Yes, we slept in the same classes all last year.*

"Is there a good place to bathe around here?" the stranger asked.

"Oh, yes, in the spring," replied the native.

"But I don't have to wait till spring, do I?"

Goofus—Well, I beat Borrowley out of 50 cents.

Rufus—How did you manage to do that?

Goofus—He asked me for a dollar and I only gave him a half dollar.

Uncle Ezra, at theater in Chicago—George, where do all them actors and actresses live?

George—They live here in Chicago.

Uncle Ezra—Is that so? They do purty good fer local talent don't they?

Jimpson—I don't believe in long engagements, do you?

Simpson—Yes, I do; why shouldn't a young couple be happy as long as possible?

### OH, SAY, CAN YOU SING?

Oh, say, can you sing from the start to the end,
What so proudly you stand for when orchestras play it;
When the whole congregation, in voices that blend,
Strike up the grand tune and then torture and slay it?
How valiant they shout when they're first starting out;
But "the dawn's early light" finds them floundering about.
'Tis "The Star-Spangled Banner" they're trying to sing,
But they don't know the words of the blessed old thing.

Hark, "the twilight's last gleaming" has some of them stopped,
But the valiant survivors press forward serenely
To "the ramparts we watched," when some others are dropped,
And the loss of the leaders is manifest keenly.
Then "the rocket's red glare" gives the bravest a scare,
And there's few left to face the "bombs bursting in air";
'Tis a thin line of heroes that manage to save
The last of the verse, and "the home of the brave."